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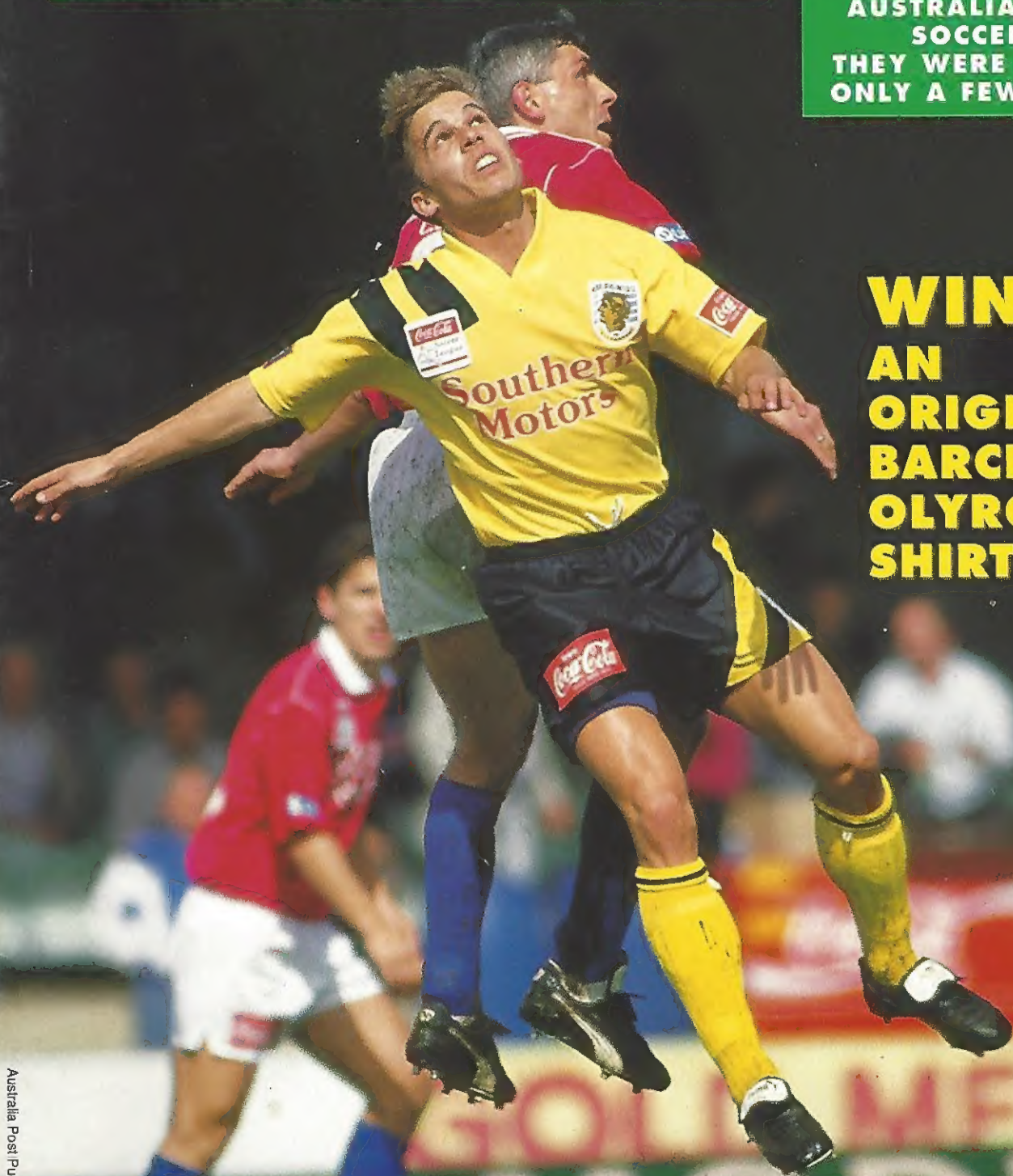
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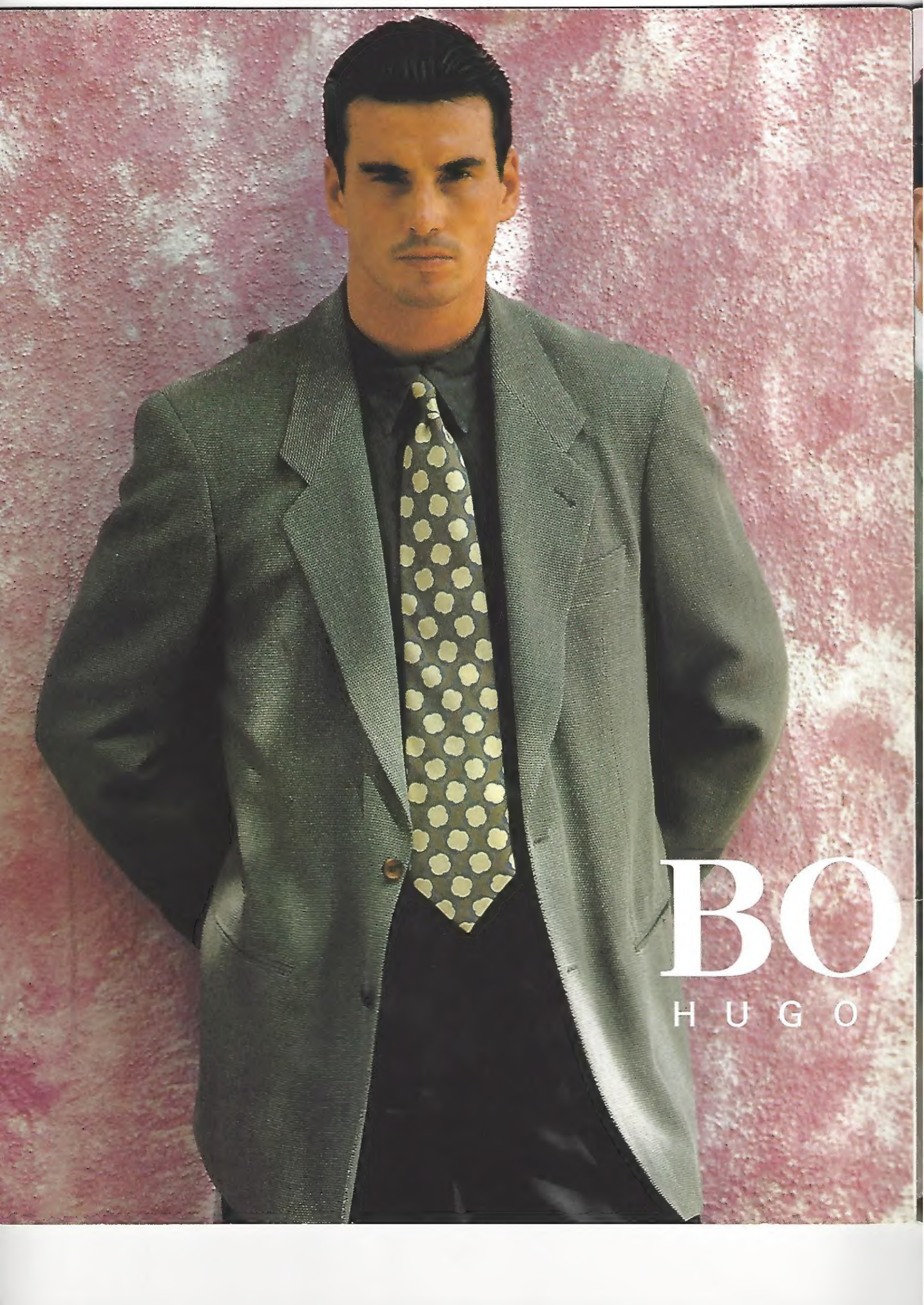


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SOCCER TEAM:
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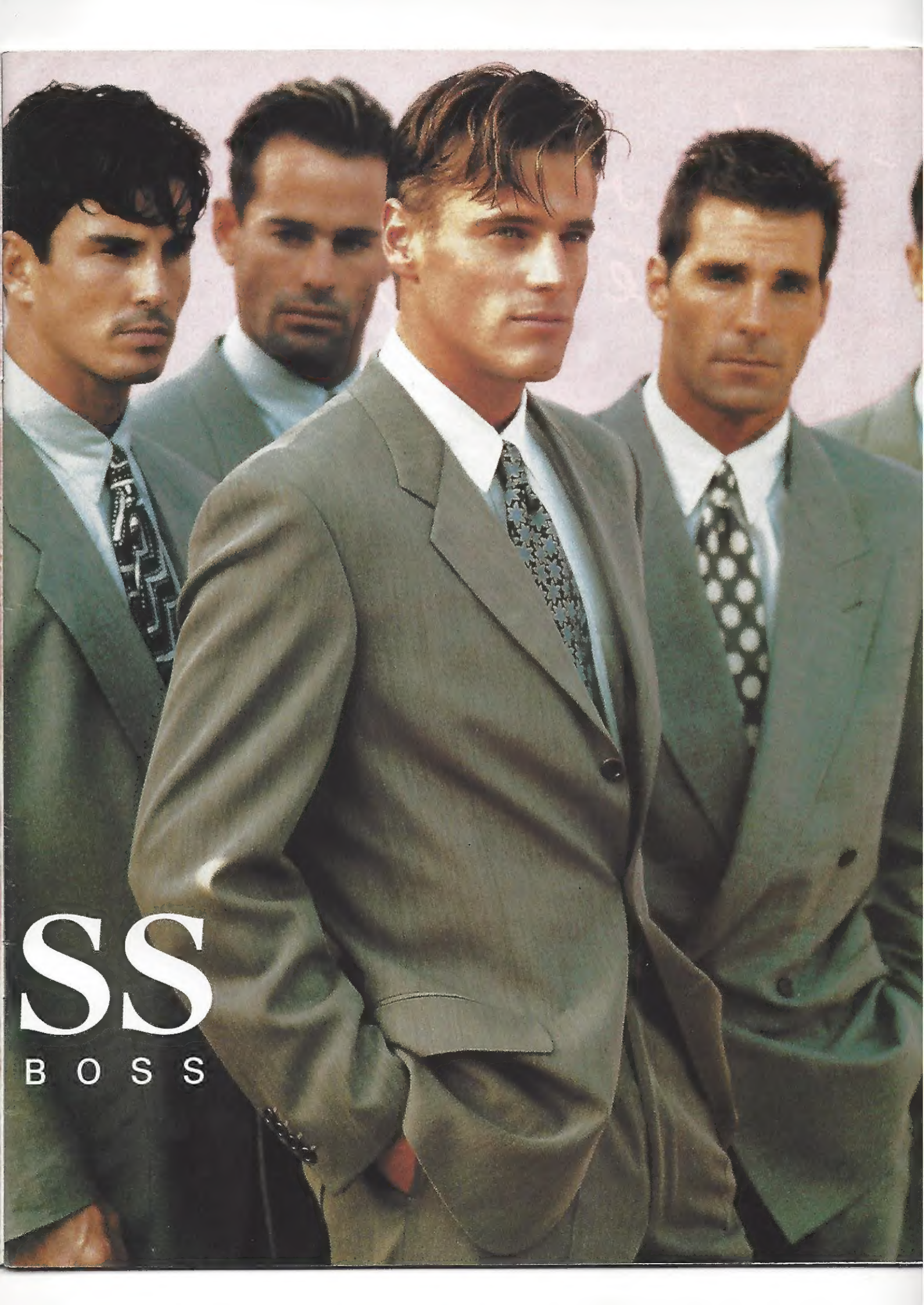
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be the official organ of the Socceroo fan club as the Aussies prepare for the long haul to USA '94. As well, readers will get their chance to have a say each month in our letters column and for fans wishing to buy or sell or just keep in touch, we'll be running classified ads in each monthly edition.

Even the latest sports fashion trends get a look in each month in our 'What's Hot and What's Not' section. Soccer Australia promises to capture all the drama, all the colour and all the excitement of the glorious game. If it's happening in soccer, you'll read about it in Soccer Australia.

Ettore Flacco

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ABOARD

Welcome aboard the Aussie soccer bandwagon.

Some would have us believe that the new Coca-Cola Soccer League season marks the start of a golden era for the world's greatest game in this country. Not so. The new era was dawning three years ago when the Australian Soccer Federation and its commissioners turned the game on its head by changing the national league into a summer competition. That was the start of the revolution.

Consider the developments since. At domestic level the national league has proved itself a force to be reckoned with, particularly with the sponsorship of world corporate giant, Coca-Cola. Crowds have poured through the turnstiles at finals time at record levels and the game has spread its success far and wide, taking in areas such as Queensland, Newcastle and now the Victorian Latrobe Valley. The evolution process continues at domestic level this

season with the institution of the top six play-offs and three points per win. At senior international level our mighty Coca-Cola Socceroos are truly a team to be feared and respected. At home and on foreign soil the Eddie Thomson coached Coca-Cola Socceroos are gaining unprecedented recognition as they prepare to take the final bound into history in the USA '94 World Cup qualifiers next year.

The under-23 Coca-Cola Olyroos were a resounding success at the Games of the 25th Olympiad in Barcelona, forcing the entire world to sit up and take notice of Aussie soccer as they charged into the semi finals.

In last year's World Youth Championships it took home side Portugal, backed by a packed house of screaming locals, to stop the Young Socceroos

racing to glory in the semi finals. The Coca-Cola Olyroos and the Young Socceroos now join the under-17 Coca-Cola Joeys as Australian international teams rated in the top eight countries in the world at their respective age levels.

Electronic and print media coverage has blossomed with live radio cover of CCSL games, substantial television cover from the experts at SBS and daily newspapers finally giving that 'other code' the treatment it deserves.

Now we await what promises to be the greatest footballing festival ever to hit these shores, when the 1993 World Youth Champions return to Australia for the first time since 1981. Yet again the eyes of the world will be focused firmly on Australia. This is truly a golden era for Aussie soccer, and it will only get better. For Australian soccer, the future has arrived.

Greg Blake

VENEZUELAN VICTORIES FOR COCA-COLA YOUNG SOCCEROOS

The Coca-Cola Young Socceroos showed they will be a force in the 7th World Youth Championships for the FIFA\Coca-Cola World Youth Cup next March after finishing fourth in a tournament in Venezuela.

The Australians, depleted by injuries and suspensions, were beaten on penalties (5-4) by Brazil in their semi-final.

The Coca-Cola Young Socceroos, with only 12 fit players, then lost 2-0 to Chile in the play-off for third and fourth place.

Chile had beaten the Australians 1-0 in their quarter-final match but the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos received a second chance after Mexico and Colombia were both suspended. Their



quarter-final tie was abandoned after crowd trouble.

The Coca-Cola Young Socceroos lost only one Group A match on their way through to their quarter-final berth ... 2-0 to Brazil.

They beat hosts Venezuela 2-0 in their opening encounter with Fabio Macolino scoring first and skipper Kevin Muscat hitting the second after just 21 minutes.

In their second match, the Australians beat Mexico 3-1 with two second half goals from South Australian Jim Tsekinis. Ante Milicic (NSW) had

opened the scoring three minutes after half-time, deflecting in a cross from Queenslander Sean Cranney.

Both Mexico and Brazil have already qualified for the World Youth Championships next March. In their third Group match, the Coca-Cola Young

Socceroos had a comfortable 4-0 win over the Netherland Antilles. Skipper Muscat opened the scoring after 25 minutes with South Australia's John Aloisi scoring five minutes before half-time. Second half substitute Ante Milicic headed home the third on the hour and scored from the penalty spot 10 minutes from time.

The Coca-Cola Young Socceroo squad was: Kevin Muscat, Goran Lozanovski (Vic); Vince Matassa, Mark Wingell, Anthony Carbone (WA); John Perosh, Luke Casserley, Paul Dee, Ante Moric, Vas Kalogeracos, Peter Tsekenis, Ante Milicic, Fabio Macolino (NSW); Sean Cranney (Qld); Frank Tibaldi, Jim Tsekinis, John Aloisi (SA); Craig Moore (AIS).

Officials: Les Scheinflug (coach); Vic Fernandez (assistant coach); Charlie Caruso (tour leader); Pedro Ruz (physio); Dr Ron Muratore (team doctor); Nelson Delasio (gear steward).

• SBS Television will telecast the draw for the 7th World Youth Championships for the FIFA\Coca-Cola World Youth Cup at 8.30pm on Friday November 20 from Darling Harbour in Sydney.

• Lou Gautier previews the tournament on Pages 14-15.



NEW FORMAT FOR CCSL CUP

The Coca-Cola Soccer League Cup has been revamped this season. The main change is the introduction of home and away legs for both the first and second rounds with the team having the highest aggregate moving to the next stage. This will boost the total number of matches to 23. Where scores after two rounds are equal, away goals will count as double.

• Your 1992-93 CCSL draw – Page 37

• *Victorious Victorians
... the Australian
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after their success
against Queensland.*

VICS GRAB THE GLORY

For only the third time in 19 years, Victoria has won the Australian Women's national title.

They beat Queensland, tournament hosts and clear favourites, 1-0 in the final. The only goal came after just 22 minutes when Nicki Leitch scored from a Judy Pettitt cross. From then on Queensland went on the attack but they were unable to force an equaliser.

National coach John Reid has selected a training squad of 28 players which he will trim to a final touring squad of 18.

The squad: Tracey Wheeler (WA); Jane Oakley, Nicki Leitch (Vic); Sonia Gegenhuber, Tracey Jenkins, Sharon



Black (SA); Sacha Wainwright, Angela Iannotta, Susan Read, Lyn Cutler, Julie Murray (ACT); Dene Pentecost, Anissa Tann, Moya Dodd, Traci Bartlett, Jane Hornsby, Katrina Boyd (NSW); Lisa Dunne, Linda Hughes, Cheryl Salisbury, Brigitte Starr, Alison Forman (NNSW); Kaylene Janssen, Leanne Priestley, Nadia Toffetti, Tracey Connors (Qld); Caroline Jones (Tas); Sarah Cooper (NT).

• NSW collected their ninth National Junior title in 11 seasons beating hosts South Australia 1-0. Melissa Denning scored the decider after fine play by Michelle Humphries and Rebecca Hall.

• Queensland's Corinne Curry was the tournament's leading scorer with six.

NZ NEXT IN WORLD CUP SAGA

The Coca-Cola Socceroos earned the right to play New Zealand next May after overcoming the Solomon Islands and Tahiti to win their Oceania Group.

Australia, as expected, emerged from the home and away group matches unbeaten but not without a few surprises for national coach Eddie Thomson to contend with.

Notably, the away matches played in

hot, humid conditions on hard playing surfaces proved difficult for the Coca-Cola Socceroos.

The home games gave Queenslanders their first chance of seeing the Coca-Cola Socceroos in action for seven years when Brisbane hosted the Tahiti international.

Similarly, the Solomon Islanders provided plenty of thrills in Newcastle

who enjoyed their first full international since 1988. Victory over New Zealand will earn the Coca-Cola Socceroos a home and away tie against the runner-up from the CONCACAF zone next August or September.

Success in that tie means matches against the fourth-placed South American team.

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LIFE AFTER

Since the Olyroos did Australia proud in the Barcelona Olympics much of the focus has been on the players who have managed to get substantial contracts with European clubs. So much has been written and said about the \$500,000 move by captain Ned Zelic to Germany's Bundesliga with Borussia Dortmund. Tony Vidmar and Milan Blagojevic have had their share of limelight with \$300,000 moves to Belgium.

And since then, the likes of Steve Refenes has transferred to Greece, Domenic Longo also went to Belgium and just before the start of the 1992-93 Coca-Cola Soccer League season, Brad Maloney landed a contract with Dutch club MVV Maastricht.

The other to move to Europe was Shaun Murphy who joined English second division club Notts County. But what of the others, who contributed just as much and after enjoying the rarified atmosphere of international soccer at its best, have had to return to the part-time set-up of Australian club soccer.

George Slifkas is typical of the remaining members of the squad.

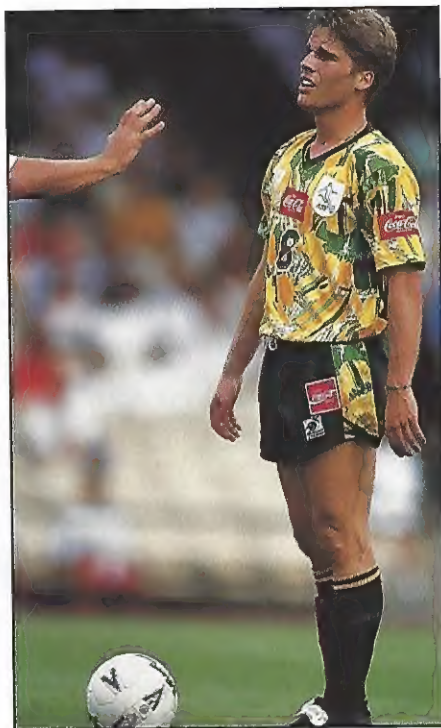
He figured in no less than 19 internationals for the Olyroos playing in the majority of the qualifiers, the play-offs against Holland, figuring prominently in the group games in the Barcelona finals, missing the quarter final through suspension and then returning to the side for the gruelling semi against Poland.

He returned to Australia to be welcomed by a \$500,000 transfer fee by his club Heidelberg - a move explained by the club as a safety measure because the player hadn't the time to renew his contract.

Since then he has renewed with the club with a minimum of fuss and to his credit rejoined Heidelberg's pre-season training without tantrums, accepting the hard slog without a murmur despite his personal feelings.

"It was pretty hard getting back from the Olympics where you were playing

By **PETER DESIRA**
soccer writer for the *Herald-Sun*,
Melbourne



• **George Slifkas**

against the top players in the world and having to concentrate for 90 minutes everytime you went on the park," Slifkas says.

"The stadiums in Spain were magnificent and coming back to a muddy Olympic Village (Heidelberg's home ground) in the middle of winter really made me think, 'What am I doing here?'

"It was very difficult to adjust for the first two weeks but you slowly get back into it and realise there is a job to be done."

Slifkas feels no jealousy for the players who have gone overseas.

"Nearly all the guys were approached but in most cases it was offers for trials," Slifkas says.

"I got offers to trial too, but there was

nothing concrete in the way of a contract. Some like Brad Maloney took it on and it worked out for him but I felt it wasn't right to go anywhere under those conditions and I was very keen to get back to home to see my family at the end of it (the campaign) all.

"I have signed with a manager though and he is trying to set things up for me overseas.

"I think it is right that I have one more season in Australia and then definitely look at making the move after that."

Slifkas is not keen to reveal the name of his manager but says it is a very well known person. He has clarified however that it is not former Arsenal skipper Frank McLintock, who has been quoted as saying that he has seven Australians on his books.

A number of Olyroos including Damian Mori, Carl Veart and Gary Hasler have benefited from their return to Australia by being added to the senior Socceroo squad for the World Cup qualifying campaign.

Slifkas has not come into contention but still looks back on his achievements so far with a great deal of satisfaction.

"It was a great achievement to get to the finals in the first place. It's hard to explain because we were disappointed that we didn't get a medal in the end, but what should be understood is that we were not expected to get that far in the first place.

"Beating Holland was the ultimate in the qualifiers and it was great to be part of an Olympic Games.

"From a personal point of view, playing for Australia looks good in any resume of a player's career and it improves my chances of overseas clubs eventually getting interested in me.

"Now that I've committed myself, I realise that I need to have a big season

THE OLYMPICS

in Australia if I am to progress.

"I have already played in the CCSL for five years. I've been inconsistent in the past but I desperately want to have a solid season.

"I intend to improve in certain areas and use it as a stepping stone to build up my confidence and develop myself as a player ready to overcome any difficulties if and when the time comes to make the overseas move."

Slifkas will play in the middle of midfield for a Heidelberg side which he expects to surprise a few people in

the league. "(Coach) Gary Cole missed the pre-season last year because of his car accident. This time around we've worked very hard and it generally seems a far more serious set-up. There certainly is a lot of competition for positions," Slifkas says.

"I'm confident we will do well. The indications are we will be playing a more attacking style of soccer. We went into the season lacking a bit of depth in the backline but I'm sure we will cause some big surprises during the season."

Slifkas settles back to CCSL action

1. JOHN FILAN Goalkeeper.

Born: 8 February 70. Ht: 186 cm. Wt: 80kg
Joined Wollongong City following the relegation of St George from the CCSL and was promoted to the senior Socceroos in only his second CCSL season.

Offered trials with Birmingham City (England) after the Olympics.

Filan elected to stay in Australia and renewed his ties with Wollongong City, which managed to extend his period on loan for at least another season.

CCSL debut: St George 1 Blacktown 1, 3/11/89.
75 CCSL appearances to end of 91-92 season: 18 appearances for the Olyroos.

2. MILAN BLAGOJEVIC Utility.

Born: 24 December 1969. Ht: 183 cm. Wt: 78kg.
Bought by Apia from Avala in March 1989 for \$13,500 primarily as a striker but was used in a variety of positions before settling into a fullback position.

Signed by Marconi at the start of the 1991-92 season.

Transferred to Ekeren (Belgium, Div 1) for \$300,000 after the Olympics.

CCSL debut: Apia Leichhardt 1 St George 2 (as sub), 5/3/89.

85 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 1 goal.
19 appearances for the Olyroos. 2 goals.

3. DOMENIC LONGO Central defender.

Born 4 July 1971. Ht: 185 cm. Wt: 85 kg.
Captained Australia's U16s in the 1987 World U16s finals in Canada.

Transferred to St George in 1990 and then moved to Newcastle for the Breakers inaugural season in the CCSL in 1991-92

CCSL debut: St George 1 Blacktown 1, 3/11/89.

46 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 2 goals.
Transferred to Cercle Brugge (Belgium, Div 1) for \$250,000 after his return from the Olympics.

24 appearances for the Olyroos.

4. NED ZELIC. Sweeper.

Born 4 July 1971.

Represented ACT at junior and youth level then served a two year stint at the Institute of Sport. Signed by Sydney CSC and had nine outings in the 1989 CCSL mostly as sweeper, before returning to Canberra to complete his studies. Recalled by Sydney CSC to emerge among the best sweepers in the CCSL in 1990. Moved to Sydney Olympic for \$50,000, a record transfer within Australia. CCSL debut: Sydney CSC 0 Marconi 3 (as sub), 10/5/89.

56 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 1 goal.
Transferred to Borussia Dortmund (Germany, Div 1) for \$500,000
25 appearances for the Olyroos. 4 goals.

5. SHAUN MURPHY Central Defender.

Born 5 November 1970. Ht: 187 cm. Wt: 83kg.

The only West Australian member of the Olyroos squad. Served at the Institute of Sport before moving up to the CCSL with Blacktown in 1989. Returned to Perth where he won league and cup honors with Perth Italia before joining Heidelberg on loan in 91-92.

CCSL debut: Wollongong 3 Blacktown 2 (as sub), 3/12/89.

19 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 1 goal.
Transferred to Notts County as a free agent.

18 Olyroo appearances. 2 goals.

6. TONY VIDMAR Leftback.

Born: 4 July 1970. Ht: 187 cm. Wt: 78kg.

Attacking leftback who contributed four vital goals in the Olyroos Olympic Games qualifying campaign, and then netted two more in the Barcelona finals. Member of Adelaide City's CCSL 1991-92 championship winning side, he also collected an CCSL Cup winners' medal in his first senior season with the club. 88 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 8 goals.
Transferred to Ekeren (Belgium, Div 1) for \$300,000. 21 Olyroo appearances. 7 goals.

7. JOHN GIBSON Right midfield.

Born: 10 February 1970. Ht: 179 cm. Wt: 70kg.
Graduated from NSW's junior representative teams to the Institute of Sport (3 years) then into the Young Socceroos and played in the 1989 World Youth Championship qualifying campaign. Joined Blacktown in '89 and finished his first CCSL season with four goals.

CCSL debut: Melbourne CSC 6 Blacktown 0 (as sub), 5/2/89

88 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 17 goals.

Transferred from Apia to Sydney CSC for the 92-93 CCSL.

13 Olyroo appearances, 6 goals.

8. PAUL OKON Midfielder.

Club Brugge (Belgium).

Born: 5 April 1972.

One of the youngest players to play for the senior Socceroos at 18. Was the captain of the Young Socceroos which had the most successful campaign in the World Youth Championship, reaching the semifinals in Portugal in 1991. Joined Club Brugge for a then record transfer fee of \$300,000.

CCSL debut: Marconi 1 Sydney CSC 0, 4/11/89.

49 CCSL apps, 4 goals.

10 Olyroo appearances. 1 goal.

ZLATKO ARAMBASIC. Striker

Born: 24 October 1969.

First came to prominence representing the Young Socceroos in the World Youth Championship qualifiers in 89. Finished as Blacktown's top scorer with nine goals in his first CCSL season. Was sought by Dinamo Zagreb before moving to Mechelen in Belgium where he

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC (U23) TEAM LINE-UPS 1991 - 92

Game Details	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Coach
1991												
og v PAPUA NG. W4-0 (Melbourne, May 19)	Filan	Blagojevic	Georgakis	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar (Refenes 71')	P. Okon (Ilic 46')	Slifkas	Markovski*	Veart***	Seal	Thomson
og v NEW ZEALAND W2-0 (Melbourne, May 22)	Filan	Blagojevic	Georgakis	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar*	P. Okon*	Slifkas	Markovski	Veart (Michailakopoulos 61)	Seal	Thomson
og v FIJI W7-0 (Melbourne, May 25)	Filan	Blagojevic*	Georgakis (Gibson 46'***)	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar*	Mori (Veart 70')	Hristodoulou	Markovski	Michailakopoulos**	Refenes	Thomson
og v PAPUA NG. W5-0 (Fiji, Nov 11)	Filan	Blagojevic*	Murphy*	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar*	Gibson	Slifkas	Markovski (Refenes)	Veart*	Seal*	Thomson
og v NEW ZEALAND. W2-1 [^] (Fiji, Nov 13)	Filan	Blagojevic	Murphy	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar	Mori (Veart)	Slifkas	Markovski	Hasler (Refenes)	Seal*	Thomson
og v FIJI W3-0 (Fiji, Nov 16)	Bosnich	Mori	Murphy	Zelic	Longo	Dickinson	Gibson (Slifkas)	Hristodoulou	Refenes (Blagojevic)	Veart*	Seal**	Thomson
1992												
f v SOUTH KOREA. LO-1 (In, May 3)	Filan	Blagojevic	Murphy	Zelic	Longo	Georgakis (Refenes 46')	Kindner (Gibson 85')	Slifkas	Seal	Markovski	Hasler (Corica 73')	Thomson
f v SOUTH KOREA. L1-2 (Pyongtaek, May 5)	Filan	Blagojevic	Murphy	Zelic	Longo	Hristodoulou	Kindner	Hasler	Gibson*	Corica	Refenes	Thomson
og v HOLLAND. D1-1 (Sydney, May 17)	Filan	Blagojevic	Murphy	Zelic	Longo	T. Vidmar*	Kindner (Refenes 59')	Okon (Slifkas 71')	Arambasic	Hasler	Mori	Thomson
og v HOLLAND. D2-2 (Utrecht, May 24)	Filan	Blagojevic	Murphy	Zelic**	Longo	T. Vidmar	Gibson (Veart 71')	Okon	Arambasic	Hasler (Slifkas 62')	Refenes	Thomson
f v KUWALT W4-2 (Papendal, July 4)	Bosnich	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar*	Slifkas	Gibson*	Veart	Mori**	Refenes	Thomson
f v Borussia Dortmund W4-0 (Papendal, July 8)	Bosnich	Blagojevic	Popovic	Zelic*	Murphy	Refenes	Slifkas	Markovski (Maloney 46'*)	Arambasic*	Mori	Seal	Thomson
f v Valenciennes D0-0 (Papendal, July 10)	Filan	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Popovic	T. Vidmar	Refenes	Okon	Seal (Arambasic 46')	Mori	Markovski	Thomson
f v PARAGUAY W2-0 (Barcelona, July 23)	Filan	Blagojevic (Maloney 46')	Longo	Zelic (Popovic 46')	Murphy	T. Vidmar	Slifkas (Hasler 46')	Okon	Arambasic	Corica	Refenes (Gibson 46')	Thomson
og v GHANA. L1-3 (Sabadell, Spain, July 26)	Filan	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar*	Slifkas	Okon	Arambasic (Seal 46'*)	Mori	Refenes	Thomson
og v MEXICO D1-1 (Barcelona, Spain, July 28)	Bosnich	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar	Slifkas	Corica (Corica 60')	Arambasic	Mori	Refenes	Thomson
og v DENMARK. W3-0 (Zaragoza, Spain, July 30)	Bosnich	Blagojevic (Veart 46')	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar	Slifkas	Okon	Arambasic (Seal 48')	Mori	Refenes	Thomson
og v SWEDEN. W2 1. (Barcelona, Aug 2)	Bosnich	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar*	Slifkas	Okon	Seal (Seal 78')	Mori*	Markovski*	Thomson
og v POLAND. L1-6. (Barcelona, Aug 5)	Bosnich	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy*	T. Vidmar	Veart	Okon	Arambasic (Seal 64')	Mori	Markovski*	Thomson
og v GHANA. LO-1. (Barcelona, Aug 7)	Filan	Blagojevic	Longo	Zelic	Murphy	T. Vidmar	Slifkas	Okon	Veart*	Mori	Markovski (Seal 60')	Thomson

Key: Game Details comprise event, opponent (full internationals in capitals), result (Australia's score first), venue, & date. ^ denotes an own goal in favor of Australia
In the line-up details, the substitutes are in brackets. * denotes a goal. # denotes sent off. Event abbreviations: f (friendly), og (Olympic Games).

Life after the Olympics

served two seasons as the club's top scorer in the reserves before being promoted to the seniors in 91-92. Called into the Olyroos for the vital play-off games against Holland and then retained his spot for the Olympic finals.

CCSL debut: Sydney CSC 3 Canterbury 0, 7/9/86

45 CCSL apps, 13 goals.

Returned to Australia after the Olympics, claiming a contractual dispute with Mechelen, and signed for Sydney Olympic.

9 Olyroo appearances, 1 goal.

10. GEORGE SLIFKAS.

Midfielder

Born: 18 October 1969. Ht: 180cm. Wt: 73kg. Voted CCSL Youth Player of the Year in 1987. Made his senior CCSL debut in 1986 and spent five seasons with Preston but it took a move to Heidelberg in 1990 to establish himself as a regular in the CCSL. Graduated into the Olyroos in 1990 and was a regular in the side right through the Olympic Games campaign.

CCSL debut: Brisbane City 0 Preston 0 (as sub), 30/3/86

96 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 2 goals.

19 Olyroo appearances.

11 JOHN MARKOVSKI

Midfielder.

Born: 15 April 1970. Ht 192 cm. Wt 89kg.

Made his CCSL debut in 1986 as a 15 year old with Sunshine George Cross to become the youngest ever player in the league. Has been the subject of a number of Australian transfers moving from Sunshine to Preston in 1989, to Melbourne CSC. Has spent time with Mechelen in Belgium. Made his senior Soccerroo debut as a substitute against Moscow Torpedo in 1990.

CCSL debut: Sunshine 2 West Adelaide 1 (as sub), 30/3/86

163 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 47 goals.

Underwent an ankle operation after his return from the Olympics then transferred from Marconi to Preston for \$25,000.

18 Olyroo appearances. 3 goals.

12. DAMIAN MORI.

Utility.

Born: 30 September 1970. Ht 185 cm. Wt 85kg. Joined South Melbourne in 88 and was promoted to the CCSL the following season. Has since played for Brunswick Juventus in the Victorian Premier League, returned to the CCSL with Sunshine George Cross, played on loan with Bulleen in the Premier League and then joined Melbourne CSC in the CCSL last season for \$14,000.

CCSL debut: St George 0 South Melbourne 3 (as sub), 20/1/89

83 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 20 goals.

Transferred from Melbourne CSC to Adelaide City for \$30,000.

13 Olyroo appearances. 3 goals.

13. CARL VEART.

Forward.

Born: 21 May 1970. Ht: 184 cm. Wt 78kg.

Striker who played a vital role in Adelaide City becoming the 1992 CCSL champion despite being hampered by injury. Joined Adelaide City in 1989 and scored on his CCSL debut (Wollon-

gong City 0 Adelaide City 2, 4/1/89). Has since scored 27 goals in 70 CCSL appearances for the club. Has been part of the Australian Under 23 side for the past three years and netted vital goals in the Oceania qualifying campaign.

Promoted to the senior Soccerroos and scored in all four Oceania World Cup qualifiers in September.

17 Olyroo appearances, 6 goals.

14. STEVE REFENES

Winger.

Born: 19 February 1970. Ht 178 cm. Wt 73kg.

Broke into the Sydney Olympic senior CCSL side in 1989. Narrowly missed out on playing for the Young Soccerroos but was part of the Olyroo set-up from the start.

CCSL debut: St George 1 Sydney Olympic 0 (as sub), 21/1/89

50 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 2 goals.

Transferred to Olympiakos (Greece, Div 1) after his return from the Olympic Games.

21 Olyroo appearances.



• Milan Blagojevic

15. TONY POPOVIC

Defender.

Born: 4 July 1973. Ht 193cm, Wt 93kg.

A late addition to the Olyroo squad as replacement for the injured Lorenz Kindtner. Vital cog in the Young Soccerroo side which reached the semi finals of the World Youth Championship finals in Portugal in 1991 playing in 22 out of the 24 matches in the campaign. Progressed through Sydney CSC's junior ranks and has been a member of the senior squad since 1989.

CCSL debut: South Melbourne 4 Sydney CSC 0 (as sub), 5/11/89

50 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 2 goals.

4 Olyroo appearances

16. DAVID SEAL.

Striker.

Born: 26 January 1972. Ht: 181 cm. Wt: 72kg.

Started his senior career with Sydney CSC scoring on his CCSL debut against Melbourne JUST (W3-1, 27-5-89). Became the CCSL top scorer in only his second senior season. Moved to Marconi in 1990 and again top-scored in the league with 19 goals. Top scorer also with the Young Soccerroos scoring 26 goals in 22 games in the side which reached the semi-finals of the World Youth Championship in Portugal in 1991. Added to the Olyroo squad in 91 and scored

four goals in the away matches of the Oceania qualifiers.

80 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 46 goals.

Elected not to seek an overseas move on his return from the Olympics. Instead made a club move joining Sydney Olympic for \$40,000.

14 Olyroo appearances, 6 goals.

17. GARY HASLER

Striker

Born: 5 July 1970. Ht: 179 cm. Wt 75kg.

Made his debut with Sunshine George Cross in 1988. Has continued to operate as striker with the Olyroos and his international performances attracted the attention of English club Leeds, which invited him for a six week stint last year. Joined South Melbourne in 1991.

CCSL debut: Brisbane Lions 2 Sunshine GC 3, 20/2/88

87 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 9 goals. Promoted to the senior Soccerroos after returning from the Olympics and played in two World Cup games.

11 Olyroo appearances. 1 goal.

18. STEVE CORICA.

Forward.

Born: 24 March 1973.

A graduate of the Australian Institute of Sport, he became a member of the Young Soccerroos in 1990 and went on to play 22 games in the campaign. Broke into the Marconi senior side in 1990. Was a late addition to the Olyroos squad in 1992 making his first appearances in the South Korean tour.

CCSL debut: Sydney CSC 1 Marconi 0, 7/10/90

33 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 2 goals.

7 Olyroo appearances.

19. BRAD MALONEY.

Midfielder.

Born: 19 January 1972.

A product of the Australian Institute of Sport, he was a squad member of the Young Soccerroos in the early part of the qualifying campaign before nailing a regular spot in the side for the World Youth Championship finals in 1991 in Portugal - and ended up scoring three goals in 21 appearances for the side. Joined Newcastle Breakers for their inaugural season in the CCSL in 1991.

CCSL debut: Wollongong Mac 0 Apia Leichhardt 2, 18/11/90

41 CCSL apps to end of 91-92 season, 4 goals.

Maloney went overseas to Dutch club MVV Maastricht on the eve of the CCSL kick-off.

3 Olyroo apps, 1 goal.

20. MARK BOSNICH.

Goalkeeper.

Aston Villa (England).

Bord: 13 January 1972.

A product of the Sydney CSC youth side, he was signed by Manchester United in 1988. Played three first division matches before returning to Sydney CSC for one season. Voted best goalkeeper in the 1991 World Youth Championship finals in Portugal while playing for the Young Soccerroos. Added to the Olyroos squad as a back-up, but ended up playing a majority of the games in the finals in Barcelona.

CCSL debut: Sydney CSC 1 Heidelberg 3, 6/10/91. 5 CCSL apps. 8 Olyroo appearances



Lou Gautier previews the 7th World Youth Championships for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup in Australia next March.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

It's going to be

BIG

With FIFA's seal of approval given to all venues selected to stage the 7th World Youth Championships and SBS's award of the television rights, it's all systems go for Australia '93.

The biggest sporting event outside the 1956 Olympics to be staged in Australia will run from March 5 to March 20 next year.

With two billion viewers expected to watch the final at the Sydney Football Stadium live it will be the most watched event bar none in the history of Australian sport.

There was no live worldwide television in 1956 and the Commonwealth Games in 1982 were small fry compared to the Under-20 tournament final.

The only sporting event staged in Australia that comes anywhere near the global viewing audience the 1993 World Youth Championship will generate is the Australian Tennis Open in Melbourne. So the stage is set for one of the great events in Australian sporting history.

During a recent visit to Australia, FIFA vice-president Julio Grondona, who is also the President of the Argentinian FA, declared himself more than satisfied with all the playing surfaces and stadium facilities he visited. The stadiums that will be used are: Sydney's Football Stadium (capacity 42,000), Melbourne's Olympic Park (capacity 30,000), Brisbane's Lang Park (30,000), Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium (18,000) and Canberra's Bruce Stadium (20,000).



• Kevin Muscat and the "It's Big" team at the launch.

The Australian Soccer Federation is hopeful all matches will be sell-outs thanks to strong promotion by Coca-

Cola, who have the naming rights and are the sponsors of the event. The ASF is banking on 650,000 spectators to watch the world's top 16 teams in action.

SBS will televise the games to more than 60 countries and, if the matches prove to be sell-outs, then even the host city will get a live telecast. For SBS, the 1993 World Youth Championships is the biggest event in its 11-year history and the entire network's resources will go into the mammoth project, the biggest ever undertaken in Australia as SBS, the host broadcaster,

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... WAITING



• Left to right: John Dimtsis (ASF Commissioner), Neville Wran (organising chairman) and Peter Trives (Coca-Cola, South Pacific).

will provide its feed to the rest of the world. Besides host nation Australia, Europe will provide six finalists, South America three, Asia (and Oceania) and Africa two each and Central and North America also two.

The identity of the two African finalists will not be known until the end of the qualifying tournament in Mauritius on February 14, 1993. The African qualifiers will be drawn as "Africa 1" and "Africa 2" when the draw takes place on Friday November 20. FIFA president Joao Havelange and General Secretary of the world body, Sepp Blatter, will attend with Walter Gagg, head of the FIFA Technical Department. The draw will be telecast live worldwide.

Australia has a noteworthy history in the World Youth Championships. At the last championships, in Portugal, the



Coca-Cola Young Socceroos had their best result - a semi-final berth. They lost narrowly to the eventual winners, Portugal, in front of 112,000 spectators. Australian youth teams have the knack of attracting huge crowds at their matches.

The 1983 Coca-Cola Young Socceroos drew 108,000 at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium for their draw with Mexico

The 1993 FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup

FRI	05.03.93	20.00	1	SYDNEY	RD 1
SAT	06.03.93	18.00	3	BRISBANE	
		20.00	2	CANBERRA	
		20.15	4	BRISBANE	
SUN	07.03.93	18.00	5	MELBOURNE	
		18.00	7	ADELAIDE	RD 2
		20.15	6	MELBOURNE	
		20.15	8	ADELAIDE	
MON	08.03.93	18.00	10	CANBERRA	
		20.15	9	SYDNEY	
TUE	09.03.93	18.00	12	BRISBANE	RD 3
		18.00	14	MELBOURNE	
		18.00	16	ADELAIDE	
		20.15	11	BRISBANE	
		20.15	13	MELBOURNE	
		20.15	15	ADELAIDE	RD 3
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		18.00	22	MELBOURNE	
		18.00	24	ADELAIDE	RD 3
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		20.15	19	BRISBANE	
		20.15	21	MELBOURNE	
		20.15	23	ADELAIDE	
FRI	12.03.93	REST DAY			QF
SAT	13.03.93	18.00	26	BRISBANE	
		20.15	25	SYDNEY	
SUN	14.03.93	18.30	27	MELBOURNE	
		20.15	28	ADELAIDE	
MON	15.03.93	REST DAY			SF
TUE	16.03.93	REST DAY			
WED	17.03.93	18.30	30	MELBOURNE	
		20.15	29	SYDNEY	
THU	18.03.93	REST DAY			
FRI	19.03.93	REST DAY			3/4 FINAL
SAT	20.03.93	18.00	31	SYDNEY	
		20.15	32	SYDNEY	

and almost 70,000 saw the 1987 team lose to yet another host nation - Chile at Santiago's Estadio Nacional.

In fact, no Australian international side, in any team sport, has played overseas in front of bigger crowds than the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos in Lisbon last year and in Mexico in 1983.

Australia has only failed to qualify for the finals in 1979 and 1989. The Coca-Cola Young Socceroos' finals record. 1981: Argentina 2-1, Cameroon 3-3, England 1-1, West Germany 0-1 (quarter-final). 1983: Mexico 1-1, Scotland 2-1, South Korea 1-2. 1985: USSR 0-0, Canada 0-0, Nigeria 2-3. 1987: Togo 2-0, Yugoslavia 0-4, Chile 0-2. 1991: Trinidad and Tobago 2-0, USSR 1-0, Egypt 1-0, Syria 1-1 (5-4 penalties, quarter-final), Portugal 0-1 (semi-final), USSR 1-1 (4-5 penalties, third place play-off).

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HINDMARSH STADIUM, ADELAIDE	7, 9, 11, 14
BRUCE STADIUM, CANBERRA	6, 8

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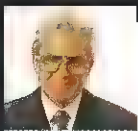
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If you don't know Les Murray you don't know soccer in Australia. Murray, SBS TV's 'Mr Soccer' for over a decade, boasts an intimate knowledge of the game and its players second to none and he is recognised world-wide for his expertise in the field . . .

NED Zelic, we are told, was bought for \$650,000 by Borussia Dortmund. But if he emerges as a star in German football, and the signs are that he will, Dortmund will make millions on him, through the turnstiles and inevitably in further transfers.

Should, we are tempted to ask, Sydney Olympic have hung on to him longer and milked his star qualities for all they were worth?

What made me ponder this is the bugbear of marketing, forever cited as one of the limitations of soccer in Australia, and how marketing relates to star players and the genuine appeal of teams with fans. There is no question, for example, that Ned's presence meant big numbers in Olympic's gates last season. Unfortunately he attained superstar status – because of his display and 'that goal' in the Olympic qualifier against Holland - after the domestic season ended. His potential, as a drawcard, became a goldmine. But he has played no games for Sydney Olympic since.

It is now firmly recognised as a commercial reality abroad, and increasingly here, that marketing is not about newspaper space, paid ads, dancing girls or even television, but about players and in particular players with star appeal.

Hard-nosed businessmen have recognised this for a long time. Hence the huge endorsements handed out to big name golfers, tennis players, athletes and even footballers. But while the real gains from having your product endorsed by a Greg Norman or a Stefan Edberg remain speculative

and invisible, there is real cash to be gained - through the gate and through sponsorship - from parading soccer players of star quality.

I need go no further than to mention Diego Maradona and Paul Gascoigne. Sevilla made millions in season ticket sales days after Maradona's move was announced, even before his transfer had been formalised. The euphoria, hype and anticipation surrounding Gascoigne's signing and arrival at Lazio has already ensured that the less fashionable of the two Rome clubs is probably now richer than its more elite local rival, Roma.

I know Maradona and Gascoigne are superstars of a particularly high status and there are not many of those. But the principal is the same. There are

STAR VALU

players with star qualities everywhere. Not all of them are on the same tier as Diego and Gazza, but they are stars nevertheless. I well recall a conversation I had with the president of Fiorentina, suggesting to him that the failure of the Brazilian Socrates in Florence had been a huge disaster. "Disaster?" he asked with a smile. "We

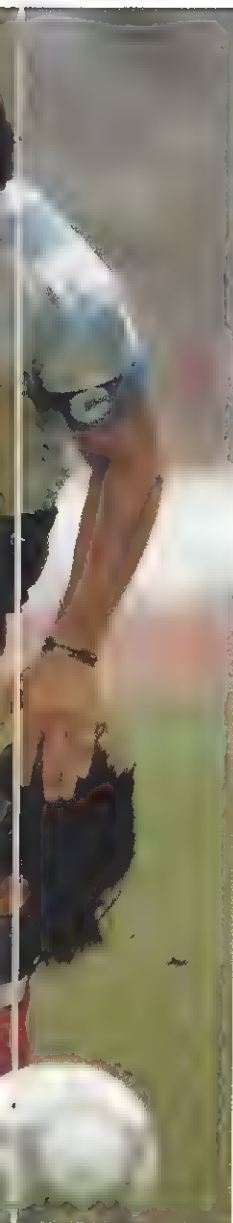


gained \$14 million in season ticket sales as soon as we signed him." The principle can be applied, and has in some places already been applied, here. Some clubs, apart from Olympic, were well aware of the Zelic potential before he went there (although how Sydney CSC couldn't persuade him to stay, remains a huge unexplained

SOCCER AUSTRALIA, November 1992

Murray joins us this month and every month to look at the world game, a subject on which he talks and writes upon with great authority and, above all, a deep, all consuming passion.

THE WORLD GAME



blunder). Ferenc Puskas wanted to bring him to South Melbourne, purely for profit. He was turned down because of the high transfer fee. Adelaide City also wanted him, I gather for commercial rather than technical reasons. After all, it already had Milan Ivanovic at sweeper.

Marconi has been the club leading the way in – and the first to understand – the principles of playing the transfer market for commercial gain. Frank Farina, I suspect, was brought to Bossley Park for that purpose. He was THE young star of Aussie soccer at the time, a goalscorer, a pinup boy, the perfect money making machine. Gates were suitably up during his era and in the end he was sold off to Europe for a fat fee.

Marconi president Tony Labozzetta well understood the principle and, crucially, so did his coach Berti Mariani. Other players, notably David Seal, Milan Blagojevic, Steve Corica and John

Markovski were brought to Marconi also with commercial gain in mind, although not all have worked out and not all such cases will. But the Labozzetta-Mariani tandem in thinking was most important and Marconi is fortunate that Mariani's successor, Frank Arok, is not new either to the principles of buying and selling for

commercial gain. Taliadoros is a drawcard and, if he scores regularly, will surely add to the Marconi gate. Taliadoros, young Glen Johnston, Corica, Matt Bingley and – if he fires – George Jolevski will all bring money for Marconi, through the gate and perhaps in eventual transfer fees.

Such moves can misfire for a number of reasons, among them when the club and the coach don't think as one. Such a case is Scott Ollerenshaw and his move from St George to Olympic. Peter Raskopoulos, then team manager, bought him purely as a drawcard and at the time a drawcard he was. But his coach, Mick Hickman, had technical priorities other than ensuring that Ollerenshaw fired. Ollie was essentially an exciting, skilful flank player who loved running at defenders on either wing. At the time the Olympic system, revolving largely around the aerial power of Robbie Ironside, couldn't harness the Ollerenshaw qualities. Ollie struggled, had some added injury problems, and the entire signing of Ollerenshaw by Olympic can now be written off as having failed.

Examples abound overseas, too. Ian Rush was bought by Juventus president Boniperti and coach Rino Marchesi was told to put him to good use. Marchesi couldn't and ended up with the sack. Rush, because the club wanted to save face, had to be sold, too. This season there have already been a number of other seemingly

astute singings. David Seal (Olympic), Damian Mori (Adelaide City), John Markovski (Preston), Francis Awaritefe (South Melbourne) and the host of new, well-credentialled men at Newcastle all have huge marketing potentials. Not to mention the youngsters being groomed for stardom: Macolino, Carbone, Tsekinis, Wingell, Milicic, John Aloisi etc..

All this, by the way, is not to canvas the view that commercial priorities alone should govern the makeup of a team and that wheeling and dealing club presidents should override the coach in who should be bought or

sold. But a team's marketability is an asset without which it cannot survive and the clever clubs are those which can marry commercial realities with on-field success. Good results with boring styles and unsaleable players

bring nothing although neither do pretty teams with big name players that keep losing.

The running of the Australian national team, by the way, should also be done along these principles. All marketing resources should be channelled towards ensuring that the players currently in the team are the stars, not those playing in Europe. Those, from a marketing point of view, should be forgotten until and if they come back. Public speculation about their return like latter day messiahs, which effectively relegates local players to reserve grade status, should ideally cease.



• Paul Gascoigne and his infamous FA Cup final injury.

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When Aussies hit regular cruise ship destinations like Honiara and Papeete it's usually the excuse for feet up, a cool drink and the chance to lap up some tropical sunshine.

But when the Australian senior football team set foot in Honiara in September hard work was the order of the day and the first stride towards the impossible dream was the incentive. With USA '94 the objective, the Socceroos started their World Cup campaign on September 4 against the courageous Solomon Islands.

Three weeks later and Eddie Thomson's side had completed a clean sweep of a four-match schedule, giving Australia an emphatic Oceania Group preliminary round win and setting up yet another meeting with arch-rival New Zealand in the next stage of the series.

RESULTS

Sept 4 - Vanuatu

Australia 2 (Veart 8th, McCulloch 86th) - Solomon Islands 1 (Vato 83rd) Att: 15,000

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Durakovic, Marth, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori (Gray 80th), Tapai, Wade, Petersen, Veart (McCulloch 57th), Brown



• The prize . . . Germany's Rudi Voeller at Italia '90.

Sept 11 - Papeete

Australia 3 (Mori 2nd, Veart 45th, Wade 57th) - Tahiti 0 Att: 8,000

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Durakovic, Marth, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mori, Wade (Bernal 73rd), Tapai, Petersen, Veart, Edwards (Hasler 80th)

Sept 20 - Brisbane

Australia 2 (Veart 11th, Durakovic 74th) - Tahiti 0 Att: 5,000

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Durakovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Wade, Petersen (sent off 48th), Veart (Brown 87th), Gray, Marth, Mori, Edwards

Sept 26 - Newcastle

Australia 6 (Genc 6th, Gray 60th, Wade 67th, Veart 83rd, Brown 85th, Durakovic 88th) - Solomon Islands 1 (Ashley 7th) Att: 2363

Australia: Franken, Tobin, Ivanovic, Wade, Stewart, Hasler (Veart 52nd), Gray, Mori (Durakovic 84th), Genc, Edwards, Brown

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Ten runners-up will receive Coca-Cola sports packs including an Olympic bag, T-shirt, cap, soccer ball and a squeeze bottle.

Your entry must arrive by Friday December 11th. The winner will be announced in the January issue of SOCCER AUSTRALIA.



Fifteen years ago, the media and the general public laughed, when Eric Worthington, the newly appointed National Director of Coaching in Australia made the statement that the National Coaching Scheme will be considered a success when Australia starts exporting players, as opposed to its track record of importing veteran European and South American players.

By 1992 Worthington could now laugh, as over the last ten years, 84 players (including 4 females) have played professionally away from the shores of Australia. What started with one or two trying their luck has now turned into an export avalanche with 24 players being signed by overseas clubs in 1992.

Craig Johnson had been the centre of attention for Aussie youngsters after his spectacular success in England with Liverpool, but now the recent stars of the Australian Olympic Team (The Coca-Cola Olyroos) are becoming the focal point of the attention.

The development of these players is no accident and is the fruition of long term

AUSSIES

By STEVE DARBY, Australian Soccer Federation

development plans instigated by the Australian Soccer Federation. The development of a young player is structured so that they have long term skill acquisition and are coached by accredited coaches at all times.

The structure which the ASF is now setting in place will enhance the great work already being done and ensure that there is a conveyor belt of young players (both male and female) who will both replace our players going abroad and continue to produce skilled and versatile young soccer players.

All young players under the age of ten

will play the modified game of soccer called RooBall. This is where the pitch, ball and team size are smaller than normal Soccer and is played without league tables or cup competitions. All people who coach RooBall teams have had to have attend a coaching course, where basic skills, child development principles, and fun games are the key elements.

The basic philosophies of this game being:

- Skill Development
- Equity
- Maximum Participation
- Fun

Philosophies which are very difficult to argue with. At the age of 12 the best young players are put into skill squads

AUSTRALIANS ABROAD AT OCTOBER 6 THIS YEAR

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CATLIN Bob (Notts County)
SPROD Glen (Exeter)
PETTERSON Andy (Luton)
BOSNICH Mark (Aston Villa)
KNIGHT Jason (West Ham)
JOHNSON Glen (Watford)
DORIGO Tony (Leeds)
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(Nottingham Forest)*
BRADLEY Pat (Bury)
TAPAI Ernie (Stoke City)
BANOVIC Yakka (Derby County)*

GERMANY

NIKOLIC Roman (Dynamo Dresden)
ZELIC Ned (Borussia Dortmund)

CHILE

CRAWLEY John (Colo Colo)

FRANCE

SLATER Robbie (Lens)
FARINA Frank (Strasbourg)

GREECE

KALANTZIS Chris (Panathinaikos)
PATIKAS Jim (AEK)

REFENES Steve (Olympiakos)

HRSTODOULOU Lou
(Panathinaikos)
ANASTASIADIS John (PAOK)
YANKOS Charlie (PAOK)*
DACOS Tony

SCOTLAND

HASTIE Willy (Dundee)
MCMILLAN Graham (Rangers)

FEMALES

MURRAY Julie (Denmark)
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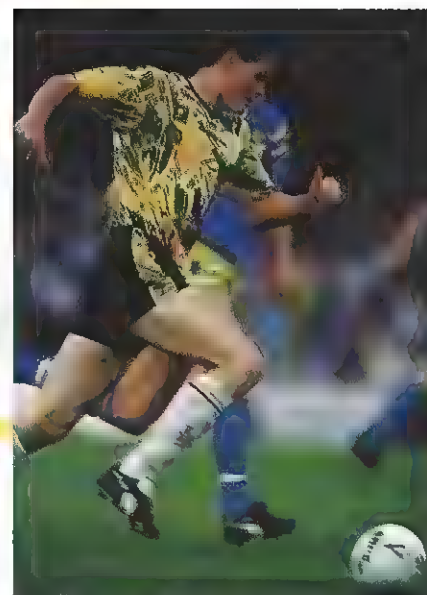
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under the guidance of the State Director of Coaching and with well qualified accredited coaches and spend the next two years having their basic techniques developed. This is on top of their normal Club Soccer.

The best young players at 14 and 15 are chosen in their State Teams to compete in the National Talent Identification Schemes and this is where the National Coaching Staff have their first concentrated look at the top 100 players. The best players are then either taken to Coca-Cola Soccer League clubs or enter the residential program of the Australian Institute of Sport. (25per cent of the 83 players abroad are graduates of the Institute of Sport). The cream of these players graduate to the National Youth Teams at either Under 17 or Under 20. The highly Developed Talent Identifica-

tion Scheme ensures that very few young players miss the eyes of the national staff coaches. So the development and coaching programs from 6 years to 18 years, catering at first to encourage participation on a mass level where players develop their love and enthusiasm for the game and then introducing skill based learning through to Elite Coaching and Intensive Competition is working for Australia.

The attendances at Coca-Cola Soccer League games mean that our best young players must be exported if they are to become professionals, whilst it does deprives the Australian public of stars to watch, it is starting to attract young athletes who may have gone to play rival codes of football to stay in Soccer and embark on the exciting



• Tony Vidmar

career path of a European Professional. It also means that young players are being given the opportunities to play in the Coca-Cola Soccer League and prove that they are good enough to make it at the top. The Semi Final positions achieved in the 1991 World Youth Cup and the 1992 Barcelona Olympics are tangible proof of the success of long term programs, the aim now is to go for the "Big One" and success in the 1994 World Cup. The quality of our players and the talent and dedication of our Coaches make this a realistic goal and not just a dream.

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BOZINOVSKI Vlado (Sporting Lisbon)

HONG KONG

PERONOVIC Marco
PERONOVIC Robby
FOSTER Paul*
REIS Phil*
REIS Alan*
HANIOTIS George

MALAYSIA

SAAD Abbas
EDWARDS Alistair
JOLEVSKI George*
SPINK Warren*
MURRAY Peter
DUNN Robby*
NICOLAU Dean*

FOSTER Craig*

BROWN Rod*
HUNTER John
CURRAN Jeff
EVANS Dave
ROKI Mike
GREEN Ross

HOLLAND

VAN BLERK Jason (Go Ahead)
POLAK Jason (Cambuur)*
FRANKEN Tony*
MALONEY Brad (Maastricht)
VAN EGMOND Gary (Roda)

SPAIN

BERNAL Andrew* (Sporting Gijon)

FINLAND

LAHIF Sean

ITALY

SCALZI Edward (Siena)
USALJ Dominic (Brindisi)

CYPRUS

CRINO OSCAR*

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OKON Paul (Club Brugge)
VIDMAR Aurelio (Wageren)
ARNOLD Graham (Liege)
KRNEVIC Eddie (Liege)
ALOISI Ross (Boom)
KINDTNER Lorenc (Club Brugge)
BLAGOJEVIC Milan (Ekeren)
VIDMAR Tony (Ekeren)
KIRATZOGLU Alex (Brugge)
LONGO Dominic (Brugge)
ARAMBASIC Zlatko*

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WHO NEEDS IT?



The bold move to appoint commissioners to run the affairs of the Australian Soccer Federation has angered some and delighted many. In the wake of the Bradley Report recommendations, the commissioners have made the hard decisions, but none more so than the one to ban ethnic club names. RAY GATT, from The Australian explains why the change must work for the good of the game.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sooner or later it had to happen. Of course, there will be mutterings of discontent and cries of denial of rights but, whether it is liked or not, the de-ethnicisation of Australian soccer has been a long time coming.

As of this season, the Australian Soccer Federation Commissioners have decreed that clubs in the Coca-Cola Soccer League must undergo a name change. No more Croatia, Macedonia, Hellas or any foreign name linked politically or otherwise with a country. Instead, the clubs have been encouraged to come up with a new identity more in keeping with the Australian way of life.

For their own sake and for the sake of the game here, the clubs have been advised to broaden their base and align themselves with various districts. The ASF is not asking them to disown their heritage, simply they are pointing out that the clubs need to attract a wider support group to survive in the long run. Australian soccer - and the clubs - can no longer remain insular. Clubs cannot continue to cling to their own little community as if nothing else matters.

As a long time advocate of getting rid of ethnic club names, I must say I am delighted that the ASF has at last found the courage to make such an important and far-reaching decision. It shows that the powers-that-be are no longer prepared to dance to the tune of the ethnic beat and are men of some vision and substance. For too long the sport has been held back by that sickening "wog-ball" image. We have heard it before and cringed at the mention of it. Yet, for some perverse reason, our administrators sat back happy to allow the game to

Bold move to make soccer a Dinkum sport

~~Hellas~~

~~Croatia~~

~~Macedonia~~

~~Makedonia~~

wallow in a situation which could have eventually destroyed this great game of ours. Having said that, I am not an ethnic basher, far from it!

I have an ethnic background (Maltese) and, while I was born in Sydney, I am proud of my parents and my heritage. I also understand that, for some time during the immigration boom of the 1950's, the game prospered on the back of the new immigrants. Times change. There is a new, wider and far more diverse direction in immigration and

those clubs which were built on the support of migrants have seen that support seriously eroded over the years. More importantly, the corporate and media dollars have become a vital ingredient in all sport, not just soccer. This demands a new, saleable Australian image for soccer. Realistically, you cannot sell Croatia or Macedonia to the general Australian public or media. They will not accept it and, besides, potential sponsors are very careful with their dollars. Australians don't want to know about the fighting between the Greeks and the Macedonians and the Croats and the Serbs. As a journalist, it is no fun going back to the office after a match to be greeted with the words: "Any riots today?"

Look what happened during the recent flag-waving tour of the Croatian national team. Australians stayed away by the thousands, for fear of problems. So when the Socceroos played in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney, they were the outsiders, the away team. There was virtually no support for them and that sickened me.

What has Australian soccer come to? I have followed the game here since my dad started taking me to the Sydney Athletic Field to watch the great Prague teams of the late 1950's, early 1960's. I have written about the game since 1972. There have been many changes to the game, including the emergence of a national league competition and a strong representative team at all levels. But I believe the removal of the ethnic names will be one of the biggest and most progressive steps taken. I believe it can work, but only if ALL clubs get behind it. And we ALL have to show our support.

ALL THE SEASON'S

NEW SOUTH WALES clubs have left no doubts about their determination to break the interstate clubs grip on the Coca-Cola Soccer League championship by indulging in some heavy wheeling and dealing on the transfer market.

The fact Victoria's South Melbourne took the 1990/91 title and Adelaide City grabbed last year's championship does not sit too well in NSW, where the clubs have had to deal with the fact that their powerbase has been eroded.

And, to add insult to injury, NSW has even failed to get a team into the preliminary final or the grand final during the past two seasons.

But, make no mistake, they are out to rectify the situation. You only have to look at the transfer market to work this out.

Marconi Fairfield, acknowledged as the most professional soccer club in the land, leads the way with some big name boys, though, to be fair, it also has lost some tremendous talent, including Milan Blagojevic, David Lowe, Mark Jones, Bob Catlin, David Seal and John Markovski.

The Fairfielders had a very ordinary season last year under Berti Mariani, who had guided the club to successive titles in 1988 and 1988-89.

Now, with the prismatic Frank Arok in charge, Marconi is set to return to its glory days, though it is going to take time to mould the new boys – all eight of them – into a working unit.

Without doubt, its biggest recruit is former South Melbourne striker Kimon Taliadoros, who switched over for a near record fee of \$43,500. Former St George utility Matthew Bingley has been linked with the club for \$24,000.

A big outlay to be sure but, shrewdly, Marconi has offset this by selling Seal to Sydney Olympic, Blagojevic to Belgium and Markovski to Preston for hefty sums.

Incredibly, Marconi has been outstripped in the spending department by the Newcastle BHP Breakers, who have assembled an amazing array of stars including Socceroos Warren Spink, Darren Stewart and Jason Polak. Add Apia duo Brian Ellem and Rod



• Jason Polak

Brown and the Breakers have a side more than capable of winning the championship.

Sydney Olympic, with former Socceroo Peter Raskopoulos in charge, has not been slow, either, snaring Seal gifted Branko Milosevic, from Melbourne CSC, Vasili Kalogeracos, from the AIS, and Derek Poimer, from Apia.

Of course, the club hit a financial windfall with the \$600,000 transfer of Ned Zelic to Borussia Dortmund.

It has lost some exceptional talent, including Robbie Hooker to West Adelaide, Tim Bredbury and Steve Refenes.

Outside of NSW, former Parramatta coach Raul Blanco has inspired West Adelaide to dip into the market with some excellent signings.

Former Parramatta duo Greg Brown and Hugo Gimenez have been linked with their old boss. Hooker will add much needed experience to the defence.

Champions Adelaide City have not been idle and are obviously not going to rest on their laurels.

The astute Zoran Matic has snapped up experienced Yugoslav Nemonja Obradovic and Socceroo and Olyroo Damian Mori, who should form a lethal partnership with his Australian teammate Carl Veart.

Speedy Mike Grbevski has joined from Sydney CSC while City, always keen to promote youth, has landed a Perth trifecta by luring talented youngsters Vince Matassa, Tony Carbone and Mark Wingell.

The loss of Tony Vidmar to Belgium and Ernie Tapaï, who is trialling in England, will be a blow.

The Melbourne clubs have been relatively quiet.

South Melbourne snapped up Melbourne CSC striker Francis Awaritefe to replace Taliadoros, as well as Young Socceroo captain Kevin Muscat from Heidelberg.

Melbourne CSC moved quickly to replace Awaritefe by signing Kiwi international Vaughan Coveny. However, the beaten grand finalists for the past two seasons, have lost some other top talent in Mori and Milosevic.

Other notable movements include the experienced David Lowe to Parramatta. With the irrepressible Rale Rasic at the helm, Lowe should thrive especially working in tandem with the exceptional and still gifted Marshall Soper.

David Clarkson, subject to a clearance from English club Brighton, will add much needed power to Heidelberg's line up, which has been boosted by the capture of Ally Dick.

SOCCER AUSTRALIA, November 1992

SOME of the biggest and best known players in the game went up for grabs during the off-season winter months. The cream of Australia's best young talent was snapped up by the European sides, other champions of the CCSL moved between clubs and states, whilst some, sadly, retired from the scene. The likes of John Markovski, Damian Mori, Kevin Muscat, Francis Awaritefe, David Seal and Kimon Taliadoros switched CCSL clubs in the off-season. Who will be the big success stories and which players will struggle to make an impact after the winter winds of change have blown them in a new direction? RAY GATT of 'The Australian' takes a look at who went where and why during the off-season, and gives his verdict on the biggest transfer moves.

TRANSFERS

Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe, who has to work with a very tight budget, has signed hardworking Paul McFadden, from Apia, and Brunswick's Dale White.

Sydney CSC, with Manfred Schaefer replacing Mick Hickman, has signed Olyroo John Gibson.

Preston has snapped up three players from Macedonia and Olyroo John Markovski, who had such a wonderful tournament at the Barcelona Olympics.

Brisbane United's only major capture is Tahitian Reynald Temarii while new boss Morwell Falcons have looked more for bargains than big names, preferring to stick with Victorian State League players and a couple of Englishmen.

MARCONI

Gains: George Jolevski (Sydney CSC), Kimon Taliadoros (Sth Melb), Blagoja Kuleski (Yugoslavia), Richard Machado (Uruguay), Matthew Bingley (St George), Tony Pezzano (Wollongong), Fabio Maccolino (St George), Joe Pellizzeri (Apia).

Losses: David Seal (Sydney Olympic), Milan Blagojevic (Belgium), Bob Catlin (England), Mark Jones, David Lowe (Parramatta), Gabriel Mendez (Parramatta), John Markovski (Preston).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Gains: David Seal (Marconi), Branko Milosevic (Melbourne CSC), Vasili Kalageracos (AIS), Derek Poimer (Apia).

Losses: Ned Zelic (Germany), Robert Hooker (West Adelaide), Steve Refenes (Greece), Tim Bredbury (Hong Kong).

HEIDELBERG

Gains: David Clarkson (Brighton, England), Ally Dick (Scotland).

Losses: Troy Cranney (Brisbane), Terry Patalij Alex Cummings (Perth). **Losses:** Kevin Muscat (Sth Melb), Shaun Murphy (England), Doug Hodgson (England).

SYDNEY CSC

Gains: John Gibson (Apia).

Losses: Jose Iriarte (West Adelaide), Mike Grbevski (Adelaide City), Robert Runje.

NEWCASTLE BHP BREAKERS:

Gains: Warren Spink (Preston), Darren Stewart (Apia), Jason Polak (Belgium), Brian Ellem, Rod Brown (Apia).

Losses: Brad Maloney (Belgium), Dominic Longo (Belgium).

BRISBANE UNITED

Gains: Reynald Tamarii (Tahiti)

Losses: Frank Mengotti, Jim McDonagh (both retired).



• Francis Awaritefe in his last game for Melbourne CSC, tussles with Robert Zabica.

MELBOURNE CSC

Gains: Vaughan Coveny (NZ), Steve Horvat (Nth Geelong), Bogdan Bonk (Nth Geelong), Fausto De Amicis (Brunswick).

Losses: Damian Mori (Adelaide City), Branko Milosevic (Syd Olympic), Francis Awaritefe (Sth Melb).

ADELAIDE CITY

Gains: Damian Mori (Melb CSC), Mike Grbevski (Sydney CSC), Vince Matassa, Tony Carbone, Mark Wingell (Perth), Nwmonja Obradovic (Yugoslavia).

Losses: Tony Vidmar (Belgium), Ernie Tapai.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Gains: David Lowe (Marconi), Paul Souris (Apia), Paul Foster (Avala), Gabriel Mendez (Marconi), Peter Gunning (Warringah), Geoff Gunning (Blacktown), Nick Orlic (Canterbury).

Losses: Hugo Gimenez (West Adelaide), Alfred Barrios (retired), Greg Brown (West Adelaide), Lenny Uial, Klaus Okon, Jarek Nowicki, Ossie El Ali, Alex McPherson (Blacktown).

WEST ADELAIDE

Gains: Robert Hooker (Syd Olympic), Hugo Gimenez (Parramatta), Jose Iriarte (Sydney CSC), Greg Brown (Parramatta), Stan Lazaridis (Perth).

Losses: Paul Agostino (Belgium), Kurt Reynolds, Adrian Santrac, Darren Fletcher.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Gains: Francis Awaritefe (Melb CSC), Kevin Muscat (Heidelberg), Dean Anastasiadis (Fawkner).

Losses: Kimon Taliadoros (Marconi).

MORWELL FALCONS

Gains: Steve Mautone (Parramatta), Paul Della Rocca (Brunswick), Rob Tombolato (Fawkner), Andy Thorpe (England), Sash Becvinovski (Green Gully), Zoran Markovski.

Losses: Willie Herd (Scotland).

WOLLONGONG CITY

Gains: Paul McFadden (Apia), Shaun Freestone (Parramatta), Simon Beaufils (Apia), Dale White (Brunswick).

Losses: Tony Pezzano (Marconi), Frank Bate, Alex Bundalo (retired), Claude Cellini (injured).

PRESTON

Gains: John Markovski (Marconi), Vasco Trpceviski (Sunshine), Nikola Avramevski, Zoren Tasevski, Zoran Trajceviski (Macedonia), Spase Najdoski.

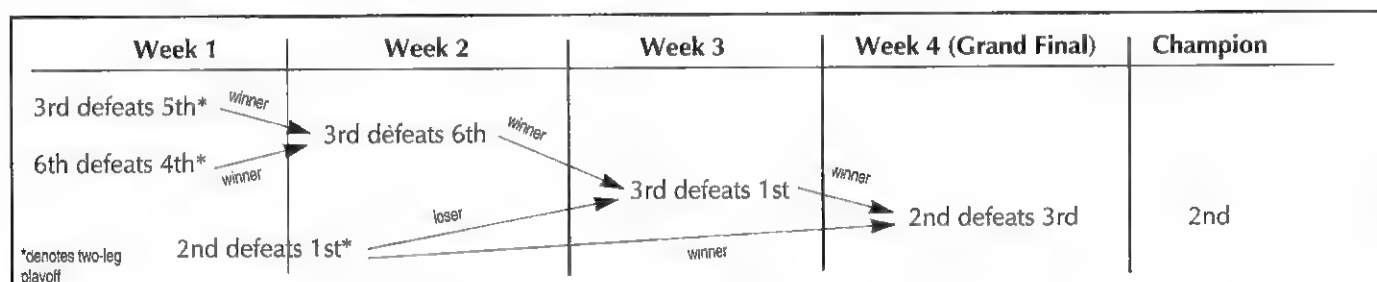
Losses: Warren Spink (Newcastle), John Waddell, Lou Bekiaris, Joe Markovac, Sean Keogh, Sean Lane, Lori Ristevski, Robert Momirovski.

One of the major changes to the Coca Cola Soccer League's summer season in 1992/93 has been the adoption of a 'final six' play-off system to decide the national championship. Finals football, in particular the 'final five' system used in all but one of the past nine seasons of CCSL competition, has proved a resounding success for the code. Finals and grand final attendances have boomed in recent years and the league has clearly geared itself to cashing in on the popularity of the series by introducing an extra side into the series, as well as extra games. GREG BLAKE from *Australian and British Soccer Weekly* and figures wizard ANDREW HOWE consider their verdict on the newly introduced play-off system.

THE 1992/93

OUTLINE

There are 64 different possible outcomes associated with new CCSL final six series. For example, one outcome that results in say, the 2nd placed team of the regular season winning the title is:



(See Appendix 1 for a complete listing of all possible CCSL final six series outcomes.)

Of these 64 different outcomes:

- There are 24 outcomes where the 1st placed team (Team 1) wins the championship.
- There are 24 outcomes where the 2nd placed team (Team 2) wins the championship.
- There are six outcomes where the 3rd placed team (Team 3) wins the championship.
- There are six outcomes where the 4th placed team (Team 4) wins the championship.
- There are six outcomes where the 5th placed team (Team 5) wins the championship.
- There are six outcomes where the 6th placed team (Team 6) wins the championship.

Assuming all the games have a even chance of either team winning** (that is, assuming no home ground advantage, or a higher placed team advantage), we may then assume:

- Team 1 has a $24/64 = 38\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 2 has a $24/64 = 38\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 3 has a $6/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 4 has a $6/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 5 has a $6/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 6 has a $6/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.

** The assumption that all teams have an even chance of winning seems valid.

The two aspects of:

- (i) your team playing an interstate team in your home city (that is, 'home ground advantage'); and
- (ii) your team finishing the regular season in a higher position than your finals opponent; having any advantage in a finals series game does not seem valid if we look at NSL finals series history.

For example, in the eight previous seasons where finals systems have decided the NSL championship (1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1989/90, 1990/91, 1991/1992) there have been a total of 64 finals series games. (See Appendix 3 for a complete listing of all of these games.)

1 – Of these 64 games, there have been 25 interstate clashes, resulting in:

- 11 victories for the home state team.
- 14 victories for the away state team.

This suggests no real home ground advantage in interstate finals matches.

2 – Of these 64 games, there have been 58 games involving one team finishing higher on the regular season table than their opponents (the remaining six games were the 1984, '85 and '86 playoffs between the 2 conference winners), resulting in:

- 30 victories for the team placed higher on the regular season table;
- 28 victories for the team placed lower on the regular season table.

This suggests no real advantage to higher placed teams in finals matches. Looking at 1 and 2 above, we could probably say that, on the day, a finals series game is 'anybody's game'.

THE 'TRADITIONAL' FINAL FIVE SYSTEM

The traditional final five system also contains 64 possible outcomes, and there are:

- 24 ways Team 1 can win the championship
- 16 ways Team 2 can win the championship.
- 16 ways Team 3 can win the championship.
- 4 ways Team 4 can win the championship
- 4 ways Team 5 can win the championship

(See Appendix 2 for a complete listing of all possible final five series outcomes.)

Again, assuming all games have a even chance of either team winning, we can then say:

- Team 1 has a $24/64 = 38\%$ chance of winning the championship
- Team 2 has a $16/64 = 25\%$ chance of winning the championship
- Team 3 has a $16/64 = 25\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 4 has a $4/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.
- Team 5 has a $4/64 = 6\%$ chance of winning the championship.

CCSL FINAL SIX SYSTEM

HERE IS HOW THE 1992/93 FINAL SIX SERIES WILL BE PLAYED

WEEKS 1 and 2

6 games, with three teams eliminated.

All first week finals are played on a home and away basis.

WEEK 3

1 game, with one team eliminated.

WEEK 4 and WEEK 5 (if needed)

1 game, with one team eliminated.

FIRST ELIMINATION FINAL – (3rd v 5th)

First leg Sunday, second leg Wednesday.

Loser eliminated and winner goes to Minor Semi-Final.

SECOND ELIMINATION FINAL – (4th v 6th)

First leg Sunday, second leg Wednesday.

Loser eliminated and winner advances to Minor Semi-Final.

PRELIMINARY FINAL – (Winner Minor S-Final v Loser of Major S-Final)

Loser eliminated and winner advances to Grand Final.

GRAND FINAL – (Winner Prelim.F v Winner Major S-Final)

Loser eliminated and winner declared new champion of Australia.

AND

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL – (1st v 2nd)

First leg on Sunday, second leg the following Sunday.

Loser to Preliminary Final and winner advances straight to Grand Final.

MINOR SEMI FINAL – (Winner 1st Elim. Final v winner 2nd Elim. Final)

This match played on second Sunday of series.

Loser eliminated and winner advances to Preliminary Final.

NOTE – Grand Final will only be played over two legs should competing clubs be from different states and first game is drawn after extra time.

COMPARISON OF CCSL FINAL SIX SYSTEM TO TRADITIONAL FINAL FIVE

Probability of Winning the Title	Final Five System	CCSL Final Six System	Change
Team 1	38%	38%	no change
Team 2	25%	38%	+13%
Team 3	25%	6%	-19%
Team 4	6%	6%	no change
Team 5	6%	6%	no change
Team 6	0%	6%	+ 6%
# of Games	6 games	9 games	+ 3 games

WINNERS

- Team 2 (probability of this team winning the title increases from 25% to 38%)
- Team 6 (probability of this team winning the title increases from 0% to 6%)
- CCSL (number of games increases by 6 to 9 games [plus Grand Final replay]?)

LOSERS

- Team 3 (probability of winning title decreases heaps, from 25% to 6%)

COMMENTS

The final six is an innovative system, giving a very likely chance for the top two teams of the regular season to play off (preferably at the first placed team's home state) for the championship, while also allowing more teams to vie for an increased number of finals places, not to mention an increased number of finals games! Also, the anomaly of a minor premier possibly playing only one competitive

match in the four weeks leading to the Grand Final is also fixed to some extent – is it worth noting that the losing teams in the Grand Final in the past three years were all minor premiers, and had only played one match in the previous three weeks. One major criticism: Why is it that the first elimination playoffs are 3rd vs 5th and 4th vs 6th? Under a 3rd vs 5th and 4th vs 6th

system, a team would likely prefer to:

- Finish the regular season in 6th position rather than 5th, and so play a lower placed team (4th instead of 3rd).
- Finish the regular season in 4th position rather than 3rd, and so play a lower placed team (6th instead of 5th).

If finals positions were a guide to ability then 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th would surely be a more logical choice for the 1st round elimination playoffs.



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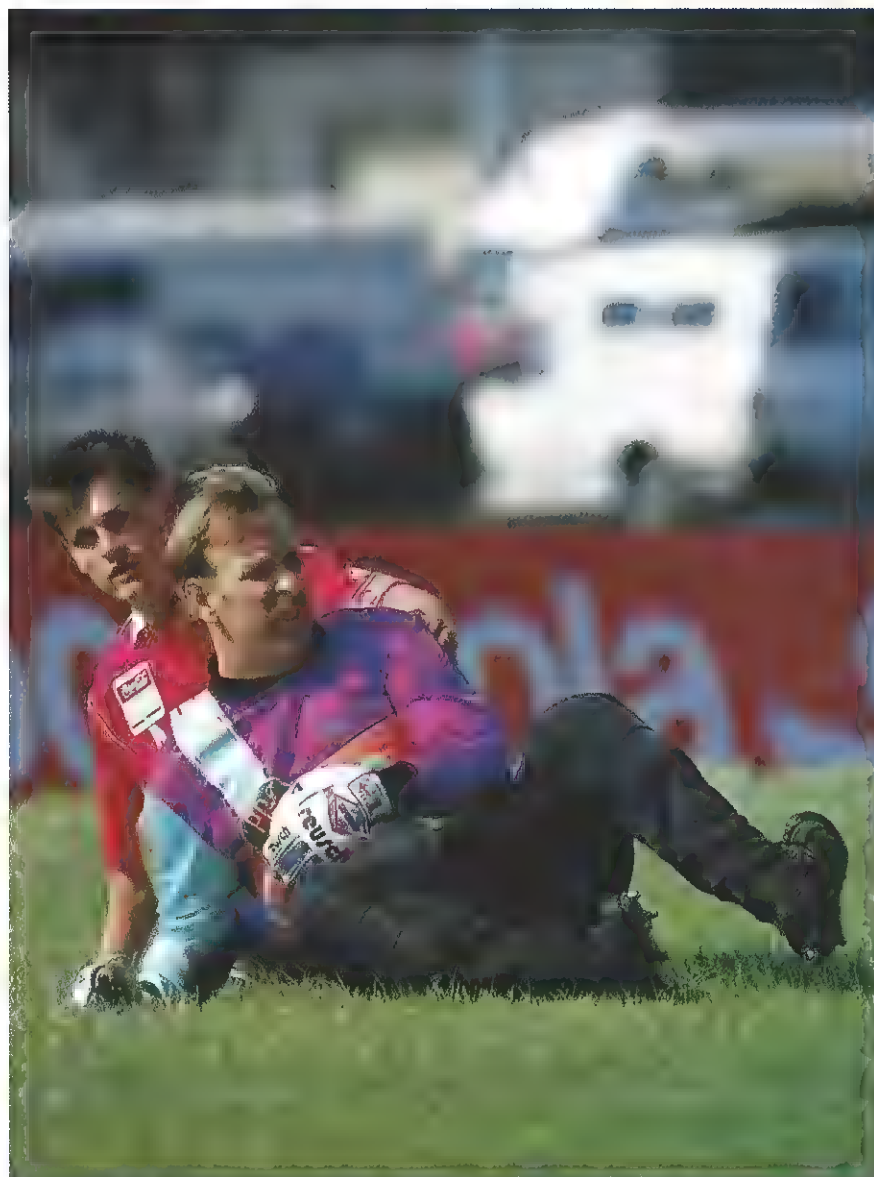
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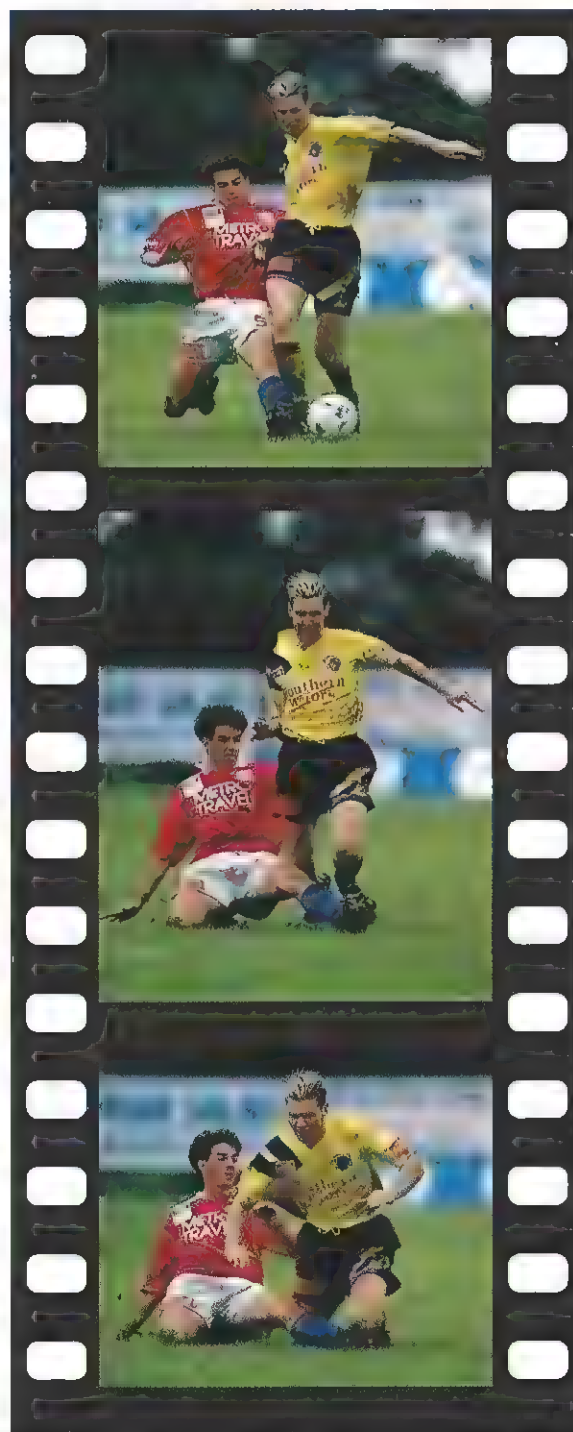
ROUND-BY-ROUND

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- ABOVE: Jeff Olver ... and he's sitting pretty.
- RIGHT: A series of shots as Heidelberg winger Brian MacNicol and Melbourne CSC youngster Damir Grganovic battle it out.

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ADELAIDE CITY (C)

An all-time honours student in 1991/92, Adelaide City has started the new term in promising rather than convincing fashion.

The Heidelberg result proved that even Adelaide City is vulnerable under extreme pressure, something rarely faced by the champions during last year's final exams. Nevertheless, a steady start and the best yet to come.



BRISBANE UNITED (C+)

Better than expected early results by a Brisbane side expected to be the dunce of the class.

As usual, Bleiberg is a chatty and often disruptive member of the class. But he backs his judgement with results, with no better example his side's effort in cleaning up high-riding Morwell.



HEIDELBERG UNITED (B+)

A new term has bought some unexpected promise to this wayward youngster. Apparently tired of years of being an ageing class clown, Heidelberg's new professional face is paying dividends. An A-class student in years gone by, Heidelberg has resolved to fulfill the promise shown late in the last school year.



MARCONI FAIRFIELD (C)

A perennial honours student for years on end; the new face of Fairfield is only taking



shape after the turmoil of not even turning up for the end of year exams a year ago. The weight of expectation weighs heavily on the shoulders of this former dux of the school and success is expected quickly under the guidance of new tutor Frank Arok.

MELBOURNE CSC (F)

A sad state of affairs for Melbourne. An A-plus student for four or more years, the pressure of sustaining such performance has taken its toll. Hit hard by outside pressures, coach Murphy faces the first real examination of his prowess as he guides his charges through traumatic times.



MORWELL (B)

This new face in the classroom scores well for term one. Hurriedly transferred from public



school into the most testing schooling academy in the country, the new lad did better than expected by passing a testing entrance examination. We suspect Morwell will find the weekly grind too much eventually, but well done on a splendid opening to the school term.

NEWCASTLE (D+)

A dour, gritty student whose academic limitations are often overcome by sheer hard work and an overriding determination to do well. As always, this youngster born of a family with a pedigree of scholastic success, will grit his teeth in adversity and fight on even with a place in the end-of-year elite unlikely.

Has not indicated anything to suggest that dramatic improvement is possible.



LEAGUE: CLASS OF '92



LEFT: Referee John Fraser in a tangle of players.

ABOVE: South Melbourne's Mike Petersen.

RIGHT: Heidelberg United and Melbourne CSC should fly high this season.

FAR RIGHT: Adelaide City's Ross Aloisi



PARRAMATTA (A)

A new tutor has bought about dramatic results for an Eagle which couldn't find its wings last school year.



Parramatta has passed the 1992/93 entrance examinations with honours and this student is earmarked as a dramatic improver this term. Will have to study hard to keep up the pace however.

PRESTON (F)

A repeat of early season marks will mean almost certain expulsion for this wayward student. Preston has already faced the school board and was given four points detention as a result. This has not helped morale and a lack of pre-school year study has compounded the problems.



SOUTH

MELBOURNE (D)

Consistently one of this academy's finest students, South Melbourne is now at



the crossroads. Despite putting in many tough hours of cramming before the school term South Melbourne has flunked its early tests.

A change in study habits has left this A-grade student struggling to retain their place among the high achievers.

SYDNEY CSC (B)

Sydney has shown class, flair and a fair degree of ability in the early going and we hope potential will be rewarded with success as the school year continues. A disturbance on the home front before school resumed has had no ill-effects on this one time honours student. With hard study, Sydney could well finish in the top percentage of students by year's end.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC (C)

An average start for a student that has spent its entire schooling life as an erratic performer. A new in-house tutor has been expected to coach some life into the ailing giant of last year's final exams. We always



expect more from Olympic and at this point we must reserve judgement on the school's enfant terrible.

WEST ADELAIDE (A+)

A scholastic also-ran for too many years to remember, West Adelaide has been transformed into the school's highest achiever early in the new term. Clearly this apparent no-hoper has been transformed over the winter months and it is to be hoped this is no flash in the pan. Private tutor Raul Blanco is again giving a student from the wrong side of the tracks some direction.



WOLLONGONG (B-)

A steady plodder, Wollongong reaps the rewards from sheer hard work. Never an attention grabber in class, this hardy young fellow continues to surprise. Last year's exams were a disappointment but David Ratcliffe's boys will get a chance to atone in 1992/92 on early season efforts.



NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Round One

Sunshine GC 2 (Muscat, Schembri)
 South Melbourne Colts 2 (Kriaris 2).
 South Melbourne 5 (Pappas, Verikakis, Schleiger, Haritos, Doumanis) Heidelberg United Colts 0.
 Preston 1 (Cuculevski) Springvale City (Rosa). Melbourne CSC Colts 2 (Simunic, Jelinicic) Altona Gate 2 (Dimovski, Neceski).
 Brunswick United 1 (Sasso) Melbourne CSC 1 (Vojtek).
 Bulleen 2 (Maiale, Curcja) Heidelberg United 2 (Salpingidis, Kollevris).

Round Two

Melbourne CSC 1 (Buljubasic) Sunshine GC 1 (Jablonski).

Heidelberg United Colts 2 (Alevisos, Mangos) Bulleen 5 (Marino 2, Nasso, Murdocca, Giatas).
 Altona Gate 0 Preston 2 (Lazarevski, Miseski).
 Springvale City 1 (Piemonte) South Melbourne 1 (Karakyriakos).

Round Three

Morwell Falcons 5 (McMullen 2, Geri 2, Reddiex) Altona Gate 3 (Stojcevski, Neceski, Jolakovski).
 Sunshine GC 0 Victorian Institute of Sport 4 (Tsoumerkias 2, Healey, Sterjovski). Brunswick United 2 (Castelli, Mercuri) South Melbourne Colts 1 (Latinopoulos).
 Bulleen 1 (Nasso) South Melbourne 4

(Lenetis 2, Verkikakis, Haritos).

Round Four

South Melbourne Colts 0 Heidelberg United 2 (Vlahos, Salpingidis).
 Heidelberg United Colts 0 Melbourne CSC Colts 1 (Rados).
 Melbourne CSC 2 (Jerbic, own goal) Bulleen 2 (Maiale, Marino).
 Victorian Institute of Sport 5 (Tricario 3, Healey, Popovski) Brunswick United 1 (Felicissimo).
 Altona Gate 2 (Neceski 2) Sunshine GC 1 (Radecki).
 Springvale City 5 (P Grella 2, D Grella, McClenaghan, own goal) Morwell Falcons 0.
 South Melbourne 1 (Haritos) Preston 1 (McAleer).

Round One

Newcastle BHP 0 Wollongong City 3 (Dimovski 2, Beaufils).
 Marconi 8 (Escobar 2, Ghiso 2, Talay, Holst, Paine, Iocca) Bonnyrigg WE 0.
 St George 1 (Zdrilic) Sydney Olympic 6 (Ardone 2, Vesos 2, Cardozo, Elkin).
 Sydney Olympic Colts 2 (Magiasis, Talcevski) Sydney CSC 2 (Topic, Mrkic).

Round Two

ACT Academy of Sport 2 (Coulter 2) Parramatta Eagles 0.

Sydney CSC 1 (Jurilj) Marconi 0.
 Sydney Olympic 2 (Vesos, Hickman) Newcastle BHP 0.
 Bonnyrigg WE 5 Sydney CSC Colts 1.

Round Three

AIS 2 (Viduka) Sydney CSC 0.
 Marconi Fairfield 3 (Iocca 2, Mancino) Sydney Olympic Colts 1 (Talcevski).
 Bonnyrigg WE 1 (Turner) ACT Academy of Sport 1 (Coulter).
 Newcastle BHP 2 (Adamson) Canterbury-Marrickville 1 (own goal).
 St George 1 (Gibson) Wollongong

City 4 (Beaufils 2, Guido, Bard).

Round Four

Sydney CSC 2 (Jermean 2) Newcastle BHP 2 (Adamson, Gordon).
 Wollongong 1 (Freestone) Parramatta 2 (Consentino, Josevski).
 Canterbury-Marrickville 1 (Tsaousidis) St George 1 (Zdrilic).
 ACT 2 (Roberts, Castro) Marconi 3 (Casserley, Talay, Ghiso).
 Sydney Olympic 4 (Sorras, King, Kalegeracos, Aliovic) Sydney CSC Colts 1 (Bilokapic).
 Sydney Olympic Colts 2 (Vesos, De Jesus) AIS 0.

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In what may be the final season of the League Cup series in its present format, cup-holder Adelaide City faces a double-legged meeting with traditional cross-town rival, West Adelaide, when it begins its defence of the crown on November 18. The ASF is expected to introduce an nationwide knock-out competition, including the cream of Australia's state league clubs, in season

1993/94. In what many consider is simply a further burden on CCSL teams during an already hectic 1992/93 schedule, the League Cup competition has been extended for this season to take in home and away ties to decide the first two rounds.

The series then moves into traditional one-off knock-out mode from the semi-finals on.

The Adelaide derby promises to be one of the feature clashes in the first round of the knock-out cup series, with other first round matches also setting up meetings between local rivals in NSW and Victoria.

Cup kings South Melbourne take on newcomers Morwell, Melbourne CSC meets Preston, Newcastle faces the Eagles, Marconi clashes with Wollongong and Olympic plays Brisbane United in the other first round ties. Heidelberg and Sydney CSC fans will be pleased to note that their clubs get the opening round bye. The past two League Cup winners, Parramatta Eagles and Adelaide City, have gone on to cup success after getting the opening round 'rest'.

THE 1992-93 LEAGUE CUP

THE DRAW

MATCH	HOME		AWAY	VENUE	KICK OFF
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ROUND ONE - FIRST LEG

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 1992

A1.	STH MELBOURNE	VS	MORWELL FALCONS	Middle Park	6.00pm
B1.	MELBOURNE CSC	VS	PRESTON	Somers St.	6.00pm
C1.	ADELAIDE CITY	VS	WEST ADELAIDE	Hindmarsh Stadium	8.00pm
D1.	HEIDELBERG	VS	BYE		
F1.	NEWCASTLE BHP	VS	PARRAMATTA EAGLES	Mitre 10 Stadium	7.30pm
G1.	MARCONI F'FIELD	VS	WOLLONGONG CITY	Marconi Stadium	7.30pm
H1.	SYDNEY CSC	VS	BYE		

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 1992

E1.	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	VS	BRISBANE UTD	St George Stadium	7.30pm
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ROUND ONE - SECOND LEG

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 1992

A2.	MORWELL	VS	STH MELBOURNE	Crinigen	7.00pm
B2.	PRESTON	VS	MELBOURNE CSC	Connors Reserve	6.00pm
C2.	WEST ADELAIDE	VS	ADELAIDE CITY	Hindmarsh Stadium	8.00pm
D2.	BYE	VS	HEIDELBERG UTD		
E2.	BRISBANE UTD	VS	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	Perry Park	6.00pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 1992

F2.	P'MATTA EAGLES	VS	NEWCASTLE BHP	Melita Stadium	6.00pm
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 1992

G2.	WOLLONGONG	VS	MARCONI FAIRFIELD	Brandon Park	7.30pm
H2.	BYE	VS	SYDNEY CSC		

ROUND TWO - FIRST LEG

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 1992

I1.	HEIDELBERG UTD	VS	WINNER 'A'	Olympic Village	7.00pm
J1.	WINNER 'B'	VS	WINNER 'C'	T.B.A.	6.00pm
K1.	WINNER 'E'	VS	WINNER 'F'	T.B.A.	8.00pm
L1.	SYDNEY CSC	VS	WINNER 'G'	Croatian Sports Centre	7.30pm

ROUND TWO - SECOND LEG

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1992

I2.	WINNER 'A'	VS	HEIDELBERG UTD	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
J2.	WINNER 'B'	VS	WINNER 'B'	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
K2.	WINNER 'F'	VS	WINNER 'E'	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
L2.	WINNER 'G'	VS	SYDNEY CSC	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

SEMI-FINALS

WED. FEBRUARY 24, 1992 OR WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 1992

M.	WINNER 'I'	VS	WINNER 'J'	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
N.	WINNER 'K'	VS	WINNER 'L'	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

LEAGUE CUP FINAL

SUNDAY APRIL 18, 1993

O.	WINNER 'M'	VS	WINNER 'N'	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
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CCSL FACTS AND FIGURES

ROUND ONE

Game Result: Newcastle BHP 0 – Wollongong City 0
Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium **Crowd:** 3678
Bookings: Polak (N); Smith, Rourke and Bard (W)
Referee: N. Asargiotis
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Northam, Roberts, Koczka, Moffit, Stewart, Naumov, Halpin, Polak, Meredith.
WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Boniteg (Bard 77), Lloyd, White, Smith.

Game Result: Parramatta 1 – Brisbane 0
Venue: Melita Stadium **Crowd:** 2014
Scorers: Reda 67 (P)
Bookings: Genc (P); Hunter and Gwynne (B)
Referee: M. Loupis
PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris, Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Josevski, Genc, Soper, G. Gunning, Foster.
BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, Greer (Ditton 70), Hunter, Jefferd, Bullock, Brown, Halligan, Pimblett, Slater, Cooper (Stipancic 58).

Game Result: Preston 1 – West Adelaide 2
Venue: Connor Reserve **Crowd:** 3749
Scorers: Markovski 47 (P); Brazzale 9 and 93 (WA)
Bookings: Petrov and Markovski (P); Brown (WA)
Referee: N. Zachariadis

PRESTON: Traianedes, Spasevski, Stojevski, Trajceviski, Parton (Georgeopoulos 64), Roodhouse, Petrov (Malina 28), McAleer, Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni.
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazariadis, Slager, Hooker, Canosa, Iriate, Ricoy (Briscoe 49), Brazzale, Gimenez, Brown.

Game Result: Morwell 2 – Sydney Olympic 0
Venue: North Crinigan Reserve **Crowd:** 3676
Scorers: Wright 11 and Markovski 24 (M)
Bookings: Thorpe (M)
Send-offs: Thorpe (M)
Referee: J. Rutter
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe (sent off 83), Della Rocca, Pender, Tombolato, Waddell, Wright, Becvinovski (Geri 80), A. Cassar (Lpton 76).
OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Panson, Hickman, Ironside, Phillips, Ardane (Mendes HT), Lee, Seal, Poimer (Cardoza 63), Milosevic.

Game Result: South Melbourne 2 – Sydney CSC 1
Venue: Middle Park **Crowd:** 3679
Scorers: Awaritefe 18 and Boutsian's 48 (SM); Lamond 88 (S)
Referee: J. Fraser
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Tasios, Petersen, Trimboli,

Boutsianis (Hasler 77), Awaritefe.
SYDNEY: Kalac, Zizic, Babic, Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Caleta (Zel 57).

Game Result: Marconi Fairfield 2 – Heidelberg United 1
Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 2703
Scorers: Johnson 41 and Harper 45 (M); Hunter 22 (H)
Bookings: Ivan Egmond (M); Stubbins and Slifkas (H)
Referee: B. Davies
MARCONI: Pezzano, Van Egmond, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski (Georgakis 67), Gray, Johnson, McCulloch (Cerro 89), Taliadoros, Corica, Harper.
HEIDELBERG: Chatzitriphonas, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Georgiadis (MacNichol 69), Stubbins, Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, Dick.

Game Result: Adelaide City 2 – Melbourne CSC 1
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3130
Scorers: Veart 10 and Mori 15 (A); Kelic 79 (M)
Bookings: Ivanovic (A); Vanis and Jerbic (M)
Referee: T. McRoe
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Brooks, Grbevski, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melta, Mori, Veart, Mullen, Barbaro (Aloisi HT), Csosoth (Maxwell 70).
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Selemidis, Horvat, Hannah (Jerbic 65), Bergam, Silic, Bonk, Bacak, Kelic, Pondeljak (Coveney 50).

ROUND TWO

Game Result: Wollongong City 1 – Preston 0
Venue: Brandon Park **Crowd:** 3641
Scorers: McFadden 42 (W)
Bookings: Dimoski and Smith (W); Tacevski (P)
Referee: N. Xanthos
WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Dimoski (Bard 57), Lloyd, White, Smith (Krishna 88).
PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse (McAleer 60), Stejanovski (Spasevski HT), Jackson, Parton, Tacevski, Trajceviski, Avramovski, Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni.

Game Result: Brisbane United 3 – Morwell Falcons 0
Venue: Perry Park **Crowd:** 2792
Scorers: Pimblett 33, 88 and Slater 86 (B)
Referee: B. Power
BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, Cahut, Hunter, Koch, Bullock, Brown Greer 81), Halligan, Pimblett, Slater, Cooper (Ditton 68).
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Della Rocca, Pender, Tombolato (Black HT), Waddell, Wright, Becvinovski, A. Cassar, Lpton.

Game Result: Heidelberg United 1 – Adelaide City 0
Venue: Olympic Park **Crowd:** 2788 (double header)
Scorers: Hunter 65 (H)
Referee: Z. Mnich
HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Clarkon, Stubbins, Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, McNichol.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Grbevski, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melta, Mori, Aloisi, Veart, Mullen, Maxwell, Csosoth (Brooks 76).

Game Result: Melbourne CSC 0 – Parramatta 2
Venue: Olympic Park **Crowd:** 2788 (double header)
Scorers: Soper 30 and Genc pen. 75 (P)
Bookings: Genc (P)
Referee: J. Santa Isabel
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Selemidis, Horvat, Jerbic (Buljebasic 65), Bergam (Grganovic 60), Silic, Bonk, Coveney, Kelic, Pondeljak.

PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris, Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Falzon (Josevski 87), Genc, Soper (Adioski 41), G. Gunning, Foster.

Game Result: Sydney CSC 1 – Marconi Fairfield 0
Venue: Croatian Sport Centre **Crowd:** 2623
Scorers: Gibson 57 (S)
Bookings: Hristodoulou, Popovic and Zec (S); Kuleski and Taliadoros (M)
Referee: R. Lorenc
SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Babic (Milicevic 54), Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Caleta (Zec 26).
MARCONI: Pezzano, Van Egmond, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Gray (Georgakis 75), Johnson, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Corica, Harper (Cerro 65).

Game Result: Sydney Olympic 1 – Newcastle BHP 0
Venue: St George Stadium **Crowd:** 4250
Scorers: Katholos 31 (O)
Bookings: Seal (O); Polak and Meredith (N)
Referee: G. Dunster
OLYMPIC: Meier, Barrett, Lee, Augerinos, Mendes, Ironside, Phillips, Milosevic, Seal, Poimer (Cardozo 70), Katholos.
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Polak, Roberts, Koczka, Moffit, Stewart, Sprod, Brown, Halpin (Naumov 79), Meredith.

Game Result: West Adelaide 3 – South Melbourne 0
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3787
Scorers: Brown 10, 78 and Iriate 25 (WA)
Bookings: Canosa (WA); Awaritefe and Hasler (SM)
Send-offs: Petersen 87 (SM)
Referee: J. Papanicolas
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Canosa (Mills 8), Iriate, Brazzale, Gimenez, Brown, Briscoe (Keramidas 63)
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy (Hasler HT), Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Tasios (Tsolakis 73), Petersen (sent off 87), Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe.

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Wollongong City	4 1
Marconi F'ield	4 2
Heidelberg Utd	4 1
Newcastle BHP	4 1
Melbourne CSC	4 1
Brisbane Utd	4 1
Morwell Falcon	4 1
Sydney Olympic	4 1
South Melbourne	4 1
Preston	4 0

* Preston started the season minus four match points

Game Result: Newcastle BHP 1 - West Adelaide 1
Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium **Crowd:** 2572
Scorers: Spink 10 (N); Iriate 76 (WA)
Bookings: Stewart and Spink (N); Brazzel and Blair (WA)
Referee: C. Diomos
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts (Naumov 85), Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Sprod, Brown, Spink, Meredith, Polak.
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriate, Ricoy (Keramidas 70), Brazzale (Briscoe 90), Giminez, Brown.

Game Result: Marconi Fairfield 2 - South Melbourne 1
Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 3409
Scorers: McCulloch 6 and Cerro 86 (M); Hasler 72 (SM)
Bookings: Bingley and Georgakis (M); Wade, Awaritefe and Hasler (SM)
Send offs: Awaritefe 60 (SM)
Referee: P. Spiers
MARCONI: Pezzano, Van Egmond (Georgakis 60), Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Gray, Johnson, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Corica, Pelucchi (Cerro 75).
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Healy, Wright (Tsolakis HT), Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Tasios, Hasler, Trimboli (Muscat 60), Boutsianis, Awaritefe (sent off 60).

Game Result: Heidelberg United 2 - Melbourne CSC 2
Venue: Olympic Village **Crowd:** 4184
Scorers: Stubbins 18 and Hunter 58 (H); Horvat 42 and Kelic 46 (M)
Bookings: Bordignon (H); Silic (M)
Referee: J. Fraser
HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins, Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, MacNicol (Dick 82)
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemidis, Organovic, Jackson (Buljebasic 34), Silic, Bonk,

Coveney, Kelic, Pondlejak.

Game Result: Preston 1 - Sydney CSC 3
Venue: Connor Reserve **Crowd:** 4881
Scorers: Zinni 52 (P); Gibson 20, Milicic 34 and Zec 77 (S)
Bookings: Petrov (P); Rumora (S)
Referee: D. Voutsinas
PRESTON: Traianedes, Petrov, Stojcevski (Najdovski 35), Jackson, Parton, Tacevski, Trajcevski, Avramovski (Lozanovski 73), Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni.
SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Popovic, Rumora, Milicevic (Moric 63), Milicic, Stanton, Krslovic, Zec (Zizic 73), Hristodoulou, Gibson.

Game Result: Morwell Falcons 2 - Wollongong City 2
Venue: North Crinigan Reserve **Crowd:** 2941
Scorers: Becvinovski 18 and Thorpe 89 (MF); Smith 9 and 11 (W)
Bookings: Markovski (MF)
Referee: C. Graser
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Tombolato (A. Cassar HT), Becvinovski (Black 76), Wright, Waddell, Upton.
WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Dimovski (Krishna 76), Lloyd, White, Smith.

Game Result: Parramatta Eagles 2 - Sydney Olympic 1
Venue: Melita Stadium **Crowd:** 6724
Scorers: Soper 70 and Reda 77 (PE); Poimer 3 (SO)
Bookings: Falzon (PE); Phillips (O)
Send offs: Phillips 81 (O)
Referee: R. Lorenc

PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris, Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Adioski (Falzon 55), Genc, Soper, Lowe (Foster HT), G. Gunning.
OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Mendez, Barrett, Ironside, Phillips (sent off 81), Milosevic (Cardozo 73), Seal, Katholos (Ardone 73), Poimer.

Game Result: Adelaide City 1 - Brisbane United 0
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3297
Scorers: Grbevski 13 (A)
Bookings: Tobin (A)
Referee: M. Browning
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Brooks, Grbevski, Ivanovic, Tobin, Csoboth, Melta, Mullen, Veart, Obradovic (Maxwell 73), Mori.
BRISBANE: Farrow, Gwynne, Cahut, Hunter, Koch, Bullock, Brown, Halligan, Pimblett (Stipanovic 12 - replaced by Grodum 74), Slater, Cranney.

Game Result: Wollongong City 1 - Parramatta Eagles 1
Venue: Brandon Park **Crowd:** 3849
Scorers: Yankos 10 (W); Soper 55 (PE)
Bookings: Bourke (W); Reda, Falzon, Souris, Soper and Genc (PE)
Red cards: Lloyd 45 (W); Souris 57 (PE)
Referee: M. Pollock
WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, McFadden, Horsley, Lloyd (sent off 45), Smith, White (Patalis 82), Dimovski (Bard 65)
PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris (sent off 57), Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Reda (Lowe 72), Adioski (Falzon HT), Genc, Soper, G. Gunning, Foster

MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemidis, De Amicis, Bonk, Silic, Biskic, Coveney, Kelic (Pondlejak 55), Hannah (Jackson HT)
MARCONI: Pezzano, Van Egmond, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Gray, Pelucchi, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Corica (Cerro HT), Harper (Johnson 66)

Game Result: South Melbourne 1 - Preston 1
Venue: Middle Park **Crowd:** 6939
Scorers: Boutsianis 62 (SM); Parton 68 (P)
Bookings: Parton, Tasevski, Jackson, Trajcevski and Markovski (P)
Referee: J. Santa Isabel
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic (Vulkanis 20), Blair, Wade, Boutsianis, Tasios (Verikakis 80), Trimboli, Hasler, Tsolakis
PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Stojcevski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Trajcevski, Avramovski (Lozanovski 57), Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni (Najdovski 60)

Game Result: Sydney Olympic 1 - Adelaide City 1
Venue: St George Stadium **Crowd:** 3806
Scorers: Seal 71 (O); Mori 29 (A)
Bookings: Ivanovic, Brooks and Shillabeer (A)
Referee: R. Lorenc
OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Bernal, Barrett, Tsakiris, Ironside, Milosevic, Seal, Katholos, Poimer (Cardozo 66)
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Ivanovic, Tobin, Melta, Mori, Veart, Mullen, Obradovic, Csoboth (Brooks 54)

Game Result: West Adelaide 2 - Morwell Falcons 1
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3707
Scorers: Briscoe 3 and Brazzale 9 (WA); Upton 49 (M)
Bookings: Keramidis (WA); Wright (M)
Referee: D. Mortimer
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Briscoe (Keramidas 57), Blair, Giminez, Iriate, Brown, Brazzale (Audsa 80), Mills
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Waddell, Della Rocca, Pender (A. Cassar HT), Becvinovski, Wright, Black, Upton

Game Result: Sydney CSC 1 - Newcastle BHP 2
Venue: Croatian Sports Centre **Crowd:** 1859
Scorers: Gibson 71 (S); Spink 74 and Stewart 89 (N)
Bookings: Popovic, Milicic and Milicevic (S); Meredith, Koczka and Polak (N)
Referee: G. Brownlie
SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Milicevic, Popovic, Rumora (Zizic 55), Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Zec (Milicic 60)
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts, Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Sprod, Polak, Brown, Spink, Meredith (Naumov HT)
Game Result: Brisbane United 1 - Heidelberg United 1
Venue: Perry Park **Crowd:** 2472
Scorers: Slater 94 (B); Goutzioulis 30 (H)
Referee: P. Hulme
BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, Cahut (Cooper 60), Hunter, Koch (Jefford 70), Bullock, Brown, Halligan, Greer, Slater, Cranney
HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins, Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, MacNicol (Dick 60)

Game Result: Melbourne CSC 4 - Marconi Fairfield 0
Venue: Somers Street **Crowd:** 2146
Scorers: Coveney 30, 47, Bonk pen 37 and Pondlejak 63 (M)
Referee: E. Brazzale

OF ROUND FOUR)

DRWN	LOST	FOR	AGST	PTS
1	0	8	3	10
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STATE OF PLAY

VICTORIA

History was made and playing records smashed as North Geelong plundered the Premier League championship at its first attempt. New ground was broken as the newly-adopted final five play-off system was introduced for the first time to replace the traditional first past the post championship race. The new concept was immediately embraced by Premier League fans, with more than 12,000 attending the finals games.

More than 6,000 fans poured through the turnstiles of South Melbourne's Middle Park ground to see North Geelong and Brunswick Juventus, the biggest Premier League (formerly State League) crowd since the 1980 Dockerty Cup Final.

North Geelong, broke all records to become the first club to win the state title in its first year, taking the title out of metropolitan Melbourne for only the fourth time in over 80 years. Under the astute guidance of studious coach and media manipulator Branko Culina, the West Coasters jumped into the top five after round one and stayed there all season.

Losing just once in the final 18 home and away rounds, North Geelong took the minor premiership prize. A penalties win in that game against Juventus put the West Coasters through to the big game at the first attempt. Juventus followed up by dumping Bulleen a week later in the preliminary final, setting up a re-match between the long-time league heavyweight and the brash newcomer on the most important day of the 1992 season.

Regulation time provided the drama as the two top-dogs slugged it out to a 1-1 draw, North Geelong scoring early through George Karkaletsis and Juve equalising shortly afterwards from a Steve Smith header. Extra time put the finishing touches to North Geelong's fairytale season and by game's end there was no doubt which side was the worthy Victorian champion. Adrian Cervinski scored a splendid goal five minutes into extra time to put the West Coasters back in front and Robbie Markovac made it 3-1 before the extra time interval.

To ice the cake, defender Robbie Cosic made it an emphatic 4-1 scoreline as the West Coasters ran away with the 1992 grand final in extraordinary fashion. Juventus had another splendid season despite a somewhat galling Grand Final loss. Coach Billy Rogers blooded some talented young players as



JOE MANN

• Eddie Kuzman (N Geelong) and Dale White clash in the Grand Final.

the club ended its fourth successive Premier League season as either champion or runner-up.

PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nth. Geelong	26	12	11	3	45	25	35
Bulleen	26	13	7	6	39	21	33
Bruns. U. Juv.	26	11	11	4	35	25	33
Green Gully	26	10	12	4	51	25	32
Fawkner	26	13	5	8	30	27	31
Sunshine	26	10	10	6	38	31	30
Albion	26	13	3	10	35	34	29
Morwell	26	9	10	7	38	30	28
Thomastown	26	10	7	9	31	34	27
St. Albans	26	8	6	12	29	32	22
Altona Gate	26	6	8	12	30	34	20
Croydon City	26	4	9	13	30	49	17
Knox City	26	5	6	15	27	49	16
Oakleigh	26	4	3	19	22	66	11

RESULTS OF FINALS MATCHES

Elimination Final: Fawkner 3 - Green Gully 1; **Qualifying Final:** B. Juventus 3 - Bulleen 2; **Minor Semi Final:** Bulleen 1 - Fawkner 0 (AET); **Major Semi Final:** North Geelong 1 - B. Juventus 1 (AET); Nth Geel. won 5-4 on pens; **Preliminary Final:** B. Juventus 2 - Bulleen 1; **Grand Final:** North Geelong 4 - B. Juventus 1 (AET).

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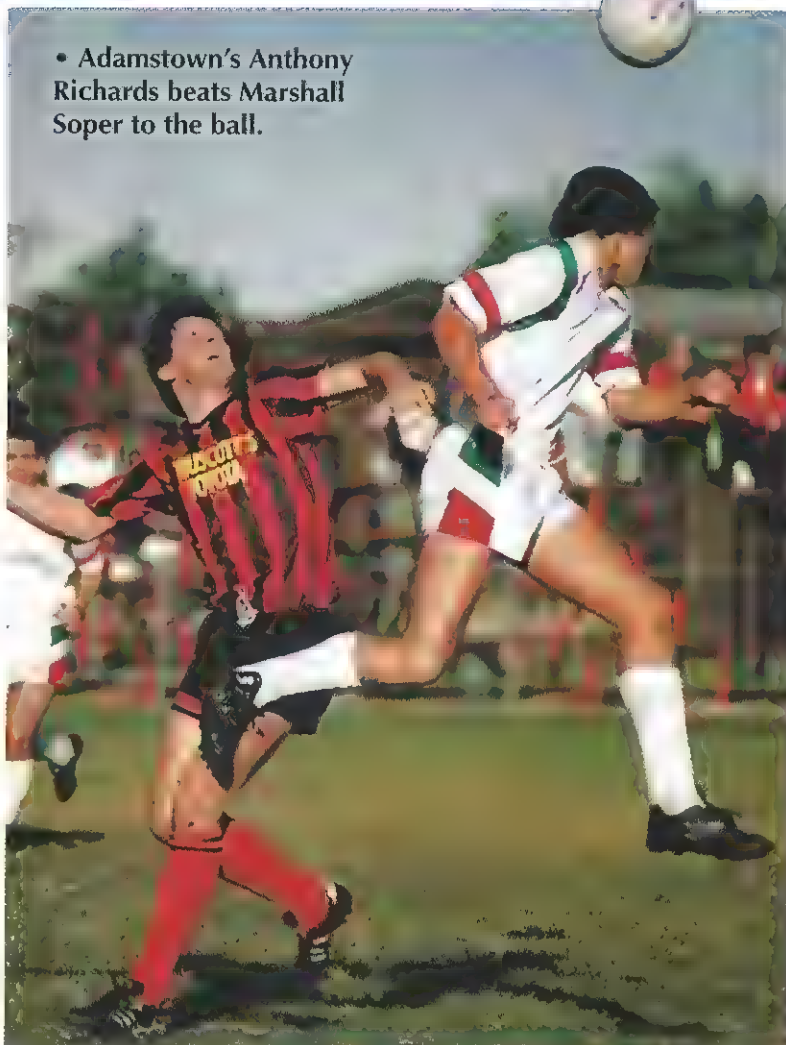
The evangelistic coaching of Mike Johnson transformed one-time fragmented Avala into the golden success story of this season's Super League. In long-time club administrator Jack Cirjanic's words, Avala had a reputation of "changing the coach every year" and was bedevilled by player cliques. That was before the hot-gossiping style of Johnson, the former Newcastle and Fulham professional, fused Avala into a triple crown winning team.

Avala, scooped a \$47,000 windfall this winter carrying off the premiership, championship and Waratah State Cup. But Johnson's arrival at Bonnyrigg had its early teething problems, as Cirjanic recalls. "From the beginning it didn't look too good. Mike is a single-minded man, fanatically-dedicated, and there was turbulence within the playing ranks," he said. "It got to the stage after the fourth game where the committee, united behind Mike, told a couple of the player cliques either they backed their coach as they were paid to do, or leave ... ever since then we had no more problems."

Avala stormed to the minor premiership by six points, avenged major semi conquerors Blacktown 2-0 in the Grand Final and outclassed Canberra Metros 4-1 in the Cup final. Avala had to withstand the stress of a penalty shoot-out in the preliminary final with Warringah, scraping through to the Grand Final 6-5 on penalties after being held 2-2 after extra time. The nerves were frayed as well in the semi-finals of the State Cup with Argentine midfielder Osvaldo El Ali converting a disputed 86th minute penalty to survive 3-2 against first division Mt Druitt Town and book a final place. Considered flattened by its penalty shoot-out ordeal Avala was not expected to turn over Blacktown in the Grand Final, yet Johnson's ability to rejuvenate his players mentally in the lead-up week realised dramatic results.

It was the Blacktown Demons, in their second successive Grand Final, who looked more jaded, despite their fortnight break and Johnson's Avala was more in command. "Blacktown had beaten us in the semi-final with quick breakaways, but we slowed the game down in the second half and used an early pass to our strikers to catch the Demons' defence out of position," said Johnson. Moody striker David Batten had a hand in both goals, breaking the deadlock from close range in the 79th minute and hassling Demons' centre back Craig Mason into an own goal that decided the contest.

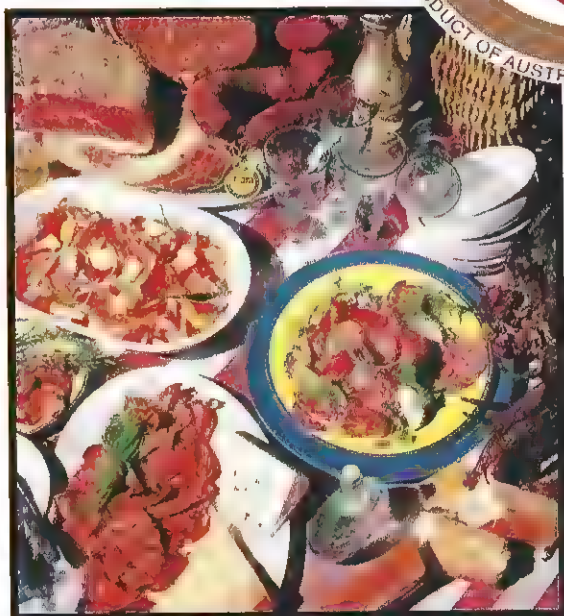
• Adamstown's Anthony Richards beats Marshall Soper to the ball.



Blacktown did well to reach the Grand Final after a season-eve change of coaches when former Australian goalkeeper Ron Corry was replaced by locally-produced Ken Schembri only three days before the league kick-off. With Socceroo Darren Stewart in its back four, Blacktown shared the lead during the season, but it was its finals' form which lifted its championship chances.

An 87th minute winner upset the more fancied Warringah in the preliminary semi and then it held out Avala in a desperate finish to go straight into the Grand Final. Warringah Dolphins, the product of the merged Warringah Freshwater and Manly North Shore clubs at the start of the season, led for most of the league and faded to second in the premiership.

Canberra Metros, level on points with Blacktown but conceding third place on goal difference, remained



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unbeaten at home for the second consecutive season, yet their poor away form cost dearly. The Metros knocked out Adamstown Rosebud in the elimination semi, succumbed to Warringah the following game, but reached the State Cup Final, only to become another Avala victim. Rosebud, in its debut NSW Federation season, impressed in claiming fifth spot, attained with an exclusive pool of local Novocastrians. Sydney Macedonia striker Scott Gilbert was the Super League's Golden Boot award winner with a season-high 16 goals, five ahead of his fellow striker Marshall Soper.

Final series results:

Preliminary semi-final: Blacktown 2 Warringah 1;
Elimination semi-final: Canberra 2 Adamstown 1; **Major semi-final:** Blacktown 1 Avala 0; **Minor semi-final:** Warringah 1 Avala 0; **Preliminary final:** Avala 2 Warringah 2; (Avala won on penalties 6-5); **Grand Final:** Avala 2 Blacktown 0.

SUPER LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	D	L	F	A	Pts
Avala	22	12	6	1	3	39	19	49
Warringah	22	11	4	2	6	34	15	43
Blacktown City	22	10	3	3	7	30	24	39
Canberra Metro	22	10	4	1	6	26	23	39
Adamstown	22	8	7	1	7	26	26	39
Sydney Mac	22	11	0	4	9	39	30	37
Canterbury	22	9	3	1	9	31	29	34
Sutherland	22	7	3	3	9	22	28	30
W'gong Mac	22	5	4	4	9	23	33	27
Rockdale	22	6	2	2	12	26	38	24
St George BSC	22	5	4	1	12	25	39	24
Eastern Suburbs	22	3	6	1	12	16	33	22

NORTHERN NSW

West Wallsend, fortified by a century of tradition, staved off emerging Wickham Croatia to cram more silverware into its weighty trophy cabinet as this season's champion.

The grand old Bluebells snatched an early two-goal lead, then weathered a second half Wickham siege to survive 2-1 winners. Imbued by its historical pedigree, West Wallsend's largely youthful team did its forbears proud to lift its third Northern title in eight seasons.

None was more heroic than goalkeeper Craig Shanko, who put his body on the line to deny Wickham an equaliser which would have sent the Austral Park final spilling over into extra time.

Shanko, in his second year at Johnston Park, needed treatment for three minutes after a head clash.

"Shanko typified the spirit of this club when he bounced back from those heavy knocks to save our hide in the dying minutes," said Westy coach Steve Bland.

West Wallsend had a dream start after three minutes when forward Troy Morris headed home after Wickham 'keeper David Connor duffed a curling cross.

It was a corner from the left which put Westy 2-up in the 35th minute when unmarked right winger Cameron Wallace, the club's player of the season, headed in from the far post.

Halftime fireworks by coach Richard Hartley galvanised Wickham in the second term as it bombarded Shanko's goal. Striker Lorenzo Saetta missed numerous opportunities before beating Shanko after an indirect free kick midway through the half.

Wickham, who knocked the division kingpins Highfield Azzurri out of the reckoning on the way to the decider, kept coming in the closing stages. Geoff Kramer and Darren Allen had to clear consecutive attempts off West Wallsend's line with three minutes left.

Wickham was denied the title, but such has been its dramatic improvement - eight seasons ago it was in the district's fifth division - that a trophy can't be far away.

FINAL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Highfields	18	15	1	2	49	11	46
West Wallsend	18	11	3	4	44	20	36
Wickham Pk	18	9	4	5	35	22	31
Lake Macq. City	18	9	3	6	35	27	30
Toronto Awaba	18	8	5	5	21	21	29
Weston Bears	18	8	4	6	38	21	28
Hamilton	18	7	4	7	25	29	25
Edgeworth	18	4	6	8	13	28	18
Cardiff	18	1	3	14	13	46	6
Maitland	18	0	3	15	8	56	3

STATE OF PLAY

QUEENSLAND

North Star lost all three of its season encounters with Rochedale Rovers but swept its way to the one that counted to take out this year's Queensland XXXX title 2-0. The odds were firmly on Rochedale's side after 3-0 and 1-0 wins in the league rounds and a 3-2 major semi-final triumph, but North Star coach Peter Bannon learnt his lessons well.

Bannon, a self-employed painter, spruced up his defence, installing a sweeper to snuff out the Rovers' predatory strike force of leading marksman Kieran Cooper and hat-trick semi-final hero Justin Playle.

It may not have been pleasing to the eye, but North Star skipper Ken Swan's deep-lying role was clinically effective. Cooper and Playle were nullified as left-sided midfielder Nick Seeley struck twice in the second half for the Zillmere-based club's second title in five seasons.

Seeley was on the spot to latch on to a cross from Brisbane United midfielder Mike Brockwell to find the net a minute after the restart. Seven minutes later, striker Jim McDonagh steamed on to a through ball, drew Rovers' goalkeeper Andrew Hobbs before unselfishly laying off for Seeley to ram home a left-footed drive.

"Rochedale may have beaten us three times, but on two occasions their winning goals came in the last minute there's no comeback from that," said Bannon.

"We are an attacking sort of side, but after that semi-final defeat we shut up shop at the back which made it difficult for Rochedale, denying their strikers space."

It capped a memorable season for Merseyside-born Bannon. The Brisbane media's choice as coach of the year, 44-year-old Bannon was controversially sacked mid-season by rival club, Croatia, last year, but will be back at North Star next year.

"I work on a handshake deal on a year-to-year basis and I'm looking to bettering myself each season," said Bannon. Bannon pointed to two Brisbane CCSL campaigners, goalkeeper Mirko Runje and English centre back Steve Bullock, for instilling confidence into North Star's defence during the season.

The Grand Final reversal denied Rochedale a historic chance to land its first Grand Final since forming in 1973. Rochedale had won the Queensland Cup earlier in the season.

Captain-coached by former Brisbane Lions, Preston and Heidelberg NSL player John Stewart, Rochedale went into the Grand Final for the second year minus a key player.

Uncompromising defender Stewart Hart was automatically banned after a second yellow card incurred during the finals series just as this season's media Player of the Year Kieran Cooper had done the previous year.

Cooper was the League's leading scorer with 19 goals. Taringa Rovers were the surprise packet, scraping into their first finals series on goal difference from Lions and Mt Gravatt and going on to oust Pine Rivers and Croatia before bowing out in the preliminary final 2-0 to North Star.

Conversely, Brisbane City, which won the Grand Final two years ago, was relegated along with wooden spooner, Grange Thistle.

Queensland's State of Origin skipper Frank Pimblett won his second Queensland Soccer Federation gold medal despite missing the first seven games through injury and a mid-season transfer from Easts to Pine Rivers.

The veteran midfielder won by a vote from Lutwyche United defender David James.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	22	12	4	6	41	33	40
Rochedale	22	11	5	6	40	24	38
Croatia	22	10	8	4	35	19	38
Pine Rivers	22	9	7	6	31	24	34
Taringa Rovers	22	9	5	8	33	24	32
Lions	22	9	5	8	27	25	32
Mt Gravatt	22	9	5	8	29	32	32
Easts	22	8	6	8	29	34	30
Lutwyche	22	7	6	9	27	33	27
Coalstars	22	7	5	10	22	28	26
City	22	3	9	10	23	37	18
Thistle	22	4	3	15	23	47	15

Final series results:

Elimination semi-final: Taringa Rovers 2 Pine Rivers 1;
Preliminary semi-final: Rochedale 2 Croatia 0; **Major semi-final:** Rochedale 3 North Star 2; **Minor semi-final:** Taringa Rovers 2 Croatia 0; **Preliminary final:** North Star 2 Taringa Rovers 0; **Grand Final:** North Star 2 Rochedale 0.

STATE OF PLAY

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



• Azzurri's Andy Read (left) and captain Duane Gray lead the grand final celebrations.

The Foundation SA State League is alive and thriving, thanks to the introduction of the Telecom Top Five finals play-off system.

When Azzurri captain Duane Gray held the Grand Final trophy aloft after beating Croatia 3-2 in a pulsating finale, the play-off die was successfully cast in glittering gold. The critics who maintained that the first past the post method of deciding the championship should be retained were forced to rethink when 5,352 fans turned up at Hindmarsh Stadium for the Grand Final on a bitterly cold, windy, wintry day. The fact that Channel 10 agreed to cover the entire historic play-off series was, in itself, a major breakthrough for South Australian Soccer. Azzurri coach Jan Kierno summed up perfectly when he declared, "We won the match but soccer was the real winner today."

The battle for the top five produced a stirring contest with multi-talented Azzurri clinching the minor round title by two points from Croatia. Youthful Birkalla filled third spot with Beograd and Salisbury going into the history books as the teams to contest the finals. As if to prove the validity of the system, the finalists finished the inaugural series in the same order as they completed the minor round.

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Modbury, nosed out of the five by Salisbury, had its moment of glory by qualifying for the Ampol Cup final which it gallantly lost 0-1 to Adelaide City.

Individual honours went to Bradley Armour and Nathan Day.

Armour, 20, won the Foundation SA Player of the Year trophy as the best first division player, while Day, 18, won the Boo Tefer Medal as second division's top performer.

Armour, son of former Adelaide Croatia midfielder, Willie Armour, took the prestigious award in his first season in the top division.

Day, on loan from Adelaide City, won the second division award for Enfield City which along with Olympians won promotion for 1993.

Foundation SA League Final Standings

First Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	11	5	2	45	13	27
Croatia	11	3	4	29	22	25
Birkalla	9	5	4	29	19	23
Beograd	8	5	5	25	15	21
Salisbury	8	3	7	22	25	19
Modbury	5	7	6	14	18	17
Para Hills	4	9	5	13	20	17
Polonia	6	3	9	26	32	15
Lion	4	4	10	24	29	12
Elizabeth	1	2	15	10	44	4

TASMANIA

Croatia-Glenorchy are the 1992 Tasmania Wrest Point Hotel Casino State League champions. It won the title with a shock 1-0 victory over minor premier Devonport City in the grand final at KGV Soccer Park in Glenorchy.

The Tasmania Soccer Federation had broken new ground this year by employing a final-four system, culminating in a grand final, for the first time. Devonport City were the big losers. They ran away with the minor premiership, finishing a massive 16 points ahead of second-placed White Eagle, who had won the title the previous year in the normal first-past-the-post format. Glenorchy were the big winners. They had finished a distant fourth, 19 points adrift of Devonport, but went on to defeat third-placed Caledonians 1-0 in the elimination semi-final through a Matthew Sly goal in the third minute. Devonport downed White Eagle 1-0 in the qualifying semi-final which meant that fourth-placed Croatia would meet minor premier Devonport in the grand final. The only positive thing to emerge from the grand final was the attendance, which seemed to vindicate the decision to introduce the new format.

The poor state of the KGV pitch did not help matters, but it was obvious that big-games nerves caused Devonport to freeze. They looked but a shadow of the team that had swept all before it during the league campaign and only the towering central defender, John "Snowy" Compagne, played near to his true form. Croatia deserved credit, however. They had changed coaches early in the campaign, Milan Lakoselj replacing Eamonn Kelly, and they won their last six matches of the season to not only win the State League grand final, but also to capture the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy with a 2-1 triumph over White Eagle in the final.

Devonport were stunned by their defeat. No one was more disappointed than coach, Alex McDonald, who had claimed before the match that he regarded Devonport as the champions and that the club has already had medallions struck in honour of the win. White Eagle were a major disappointment this season. The club had won six of the previous seven championships, but failed miserably when it mattered this year, their only successes being the Summer Cup and the Charity Trophy. The biggest failures, however, were the big names in Tasmanian Soccer, Hobart Juventus and Olympia-Trust Bank.

Hobart Juventus struggled all year against relegation and just survived by a whisker, while the Olympia finished last. White Eagle midfielder, David Stoddart, was the State League's leading scorer with 17 goals, one more than Devonport's Scottish import, Tommy McGinn. Stoddart also won the Tasmanian Soccer Writers' Player-of-the-Year Award, decided by a poll amongst Walter Pless ("The Mercury"), John Tscheperra ("The Examiner"), David Smith ("The Southern Star") and former Australian international, Mike Denton ("The Advocate").

State League Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonport	21	16	2	3	57	19	50
White Eagle	21	10	4	7	54	39	34
Caledonians	21	10	2	9	30	37	32
Glenorchy	21	9	4	8	36	35	31
Launceston	21	8	4	9	30	32	28
Ulverstone	21	8	4	9	27	40	28
Hobart	21	6	3	12	28	32	21
Olympia	21	5	1	15	23	50	16

STATE OF PLAY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

With so much uncertainty as to the future direction of soccer in Western Australia following the widely-publicised split between the League clubs and the Soccer Administration of WA - the game's governing body - it was somewhat ironic that the destination of the league title itself was not resolved until the dying moments of the season.

The two bodies have subsequently patched up their difficulties and for next season have agreed to merge their respective leagues. For next season, The Professional Soccer Federation of WA will constitute three leagues of 12, 14 and 16 clubs. Stirling Macedonia led from the front all season and a campaign of sweat and hard graft had culminated in the side only having to draw if rivals Perth Italia won their final match.

Italia did exactly that when they narrowly defeated Spearwood Dalmatinac 1-0 thanks to a goal by Gareth Naven - local radio station 6NR voted him Player of the Year for his inspirational midfield qualities - and his timely strike three minutes from time elevated Italia above Macedonia on goal difference.

Just three minutes separated Italia from being runners-up and with Macedonia meeting 24 hours later the only issue that remained was whether the elation at topping the league would be fleeting or a jubilant triumph won through dogged and relentless tenacity. But in the most dramatic of circumstances and to the immense disappointment of a large crowd at Macedonia Park their favourites lost 2-0 to an inconsistent Floreat Athena side who promised much, but delivered little when it really mattered.

Understandably Italia's coach and the WA state coach, Gary Marocchi, was ecstatic at such a dramatic turn of events and said that while his club still had a mathematical chance his players refused to believe they were beaten. "We only dropped two points out of our last 15 games and by beating Macedonia 6-1 that five goal margin won us the League."

There was some consolation for Stirling's Willie Kelly in his first season as coach - he was previously coaching the club's reserves the season before last - when they deservedly lifted the Dorsogna Cup with a comprehensive 4-0 victory over North Perth Croatia.

Croatia were in the finals due to a shock 4-2 win over Italia, but on the big occasion the players - with the commendable exception of former Soccerroo Robbie Dunn - seemed to lack the belief that the game was there for the taking. The turning

point in the season came when Italia humiliated Macedonia on July 26. Macedonia were never the same side after that loss despite still holding a four point advantage over Italia. Their league success was largely down to excellent mixture of youth and experience.

However, the season was not all sweetness and light and aside from the usual ludicrous sackings after the clubs had unreservedly expressed their confidence in their esteemed coach the acrimony surrounding the split between the Professional Soccer League and the soccer Federation of WA left many people wondering if the game's administrators really knew what issues that mattered were and, more importantly, what were they actually doing to rectify them.

The two camps have now patched up their differences and the president of the Soccer Administration of WA, Tom McKay, said: "SAWA is extremely pleased at the reunification of the Professional Soccer League and the Soccer Federation of WA and I'm particularly pleased that all 42 clubs that have applied have been accepted as inaugural members."

"It marks a new beginning after a couple of years of difficulties and it is symbolic that the merger has taken place in the same week that all the various local soccer bodies have moved under the one roof at our new offices in Perry Lakes."



FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Italia	20	16	2	2	56	17	34
Stirling	20	17	0	3	55	21	34
Spearwood	20	10	3	7	31	30	23
Rockingham	20	10	2	7	38	36	22
Floreat Athena	20	7	7	6	35	23	21
North Perth	19	6	4	9	32	39	16
Sorrento	20	5	6	9	24	35	16
Kelmscott	19	6	3	10	29	41	15
Kingsway	20	6	3	11	24	36	15
Fremantle	20	5	3	12	20	50	13
Bayswater	20	3	3	14	21	37	9

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A taste of Mexico



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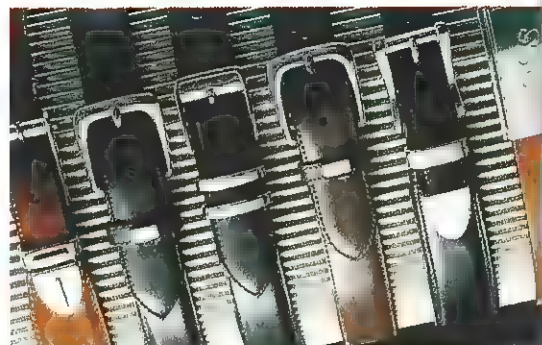
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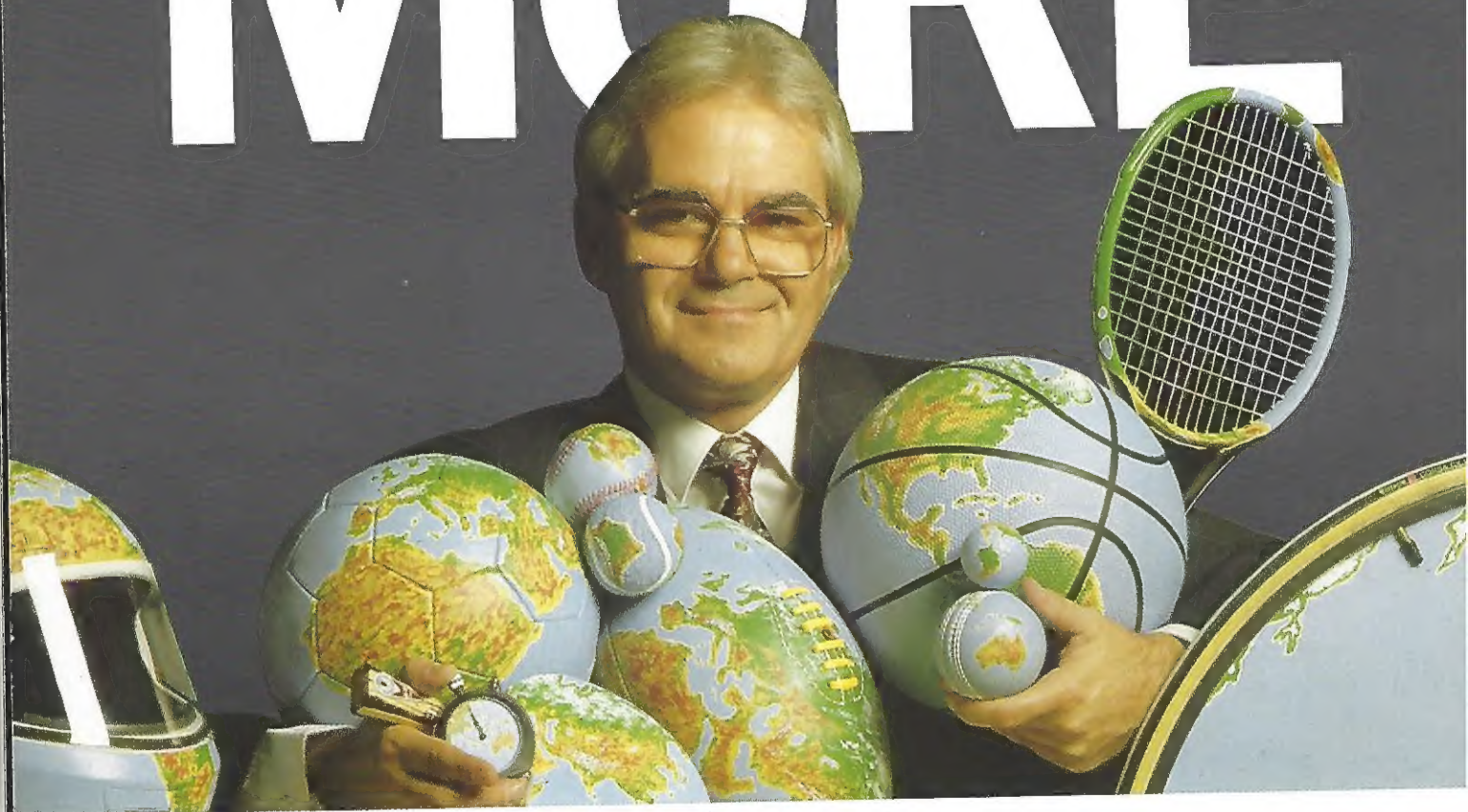
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